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The Editor's Page

Where Does the Show Start?

Last month we expressed our impatience over the long delay in getting a national program for vocational training of the deaf started after so many conferences and workshops. This is the second installment of our complaint, and others will follow. We hope that the proper parties will accept our comment as constructive . . . but it will take another edition to point out WHO the proper parties are. The WHAT needs no further comment—it's the need for a concrete program to provide the deaf with training and opportunities for employment in this age of automation.

Several years ago regional training centers were advocated, and some interest was shown in a national center. Nothing came of such proposals, at least not to our knowledge. Vocational rehabilitation is essentially a state function despite the existence of the U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Federal funds must be matched, in part, by state appropriations. Each state is allotted a quota of Federal funds for each fiscal year. Many of the states never take advantage of their quotas by failing to provide matching funds. While the U. S. Office is able to provide many services on a national basis, fundamental operations must be on the state level.

Several of our states, working in cooperation with residential schools and otherwise, have set up training programs on a short-term basis. Many of these programs have been aimed at the so-called "hard core" of difficult cases while regular assistance has continued for better qualified individual deaf citizens. A few other state proposals for facilities have been turned down for one reason or another.

The case load in most states is too small to justify a permanent program providing state vocational facilities for the deaf. Once a "hard core" is taken care of, it may be several years before enough cases accumulate to justify another crash program.

While we are in the dark as to the legal prospects of interstate and regional cooperation, we believe that such programs are the best solution outside a national center along the lines of Gallaudet College. We might have several centers scattered all over the country with each one offering specialized training in a certain field. It still wouldn't be feasible for interstate or regional centers to offer training in several trades or occupations at the same time. Classes would be spread too thin, and the expense would be terrific.

Centers should provide housing facilities for trainees, and for obvious reasons these facilities should not be located on school campuses. In fact, it would be well if all centers were not in the same localities as schools. Trainees should be governed by the same regulations one would find on a college campus insofar as possible.

Next month: WHO?

Empire State News

This month the Empire State Association of the Deaf has four pages of the SW in lieu of its newspaper, and this issue is being sent all ESAD members under a special "club rate."

Neither A Borrower Nor A Lender Be

My dad always told me, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

The older I get, the sounder that bit of advice turns out to be. Look, Mac, if everyone borrowed and loaned everything he had all the time, it wouldn't be very long before the world of commerce came to a complete standstill. For instance, suppose a group of ten people got together and agreed that each person would buy one thing that they all could use: one would buy a lawn mover, and all ten would use it; one would buy an automatic washer, and all ten would use it; and so on. Instead of your local merchants selling TEN lawn movers and ten washers, they would be able to sell only ONE. Multiply this group by thousands more all over the country and you would have a picture of complete chaos. In no time, your merchants would go out of business. This would immediately knock out the wholesalers, and the factories which manufactured these goods. It would boomerang right back to the borrower and lender. Their jobs and homes and life savings would go down the drain. By being borrowers and lenders, they would cut their own throats . . . and they would deserve every bit of misfortune they brought upon themselves.

So, my dad always told me, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

As large things go, so go the smaller ones. Large things are always made up of a lot of little things. When you loan out your copy of THE SILENT WORKER, you are cutting your own throat as well as that of THE SILENT WORKER, and of your friends who faithfully subscribe right along with you, period! Holy cow, the price of a year's subscription to THE SILENT WORKER, is ONLY \$3.50 . . . half the price of a night on the town, and twice as beneficial.

Do you want your SILENT WORKER to continue to progress? THEN QUIT LOANING OUT YOUR COPY. Whenever anyone wants to borrow it, sell him a subscription to the magazine instead. The more subscribers we have, the easier and more economical it will be to give you the kind of SILENT WORKER you want. But if you continue to loan out your copy, you are giving some cheap skate a free ride . . . and doing your magazine NO GOOD AT ALL.

So now I'm passing on some sound, time-proven advice, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

Yours . . . anudder Nadder,
DON G. PETTINGILL

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Lecture and Social

At the Asociacion de Surdomudos de Ayuda Mutua, Buenos Aires, Argentina

By CASPER B. JACOBSON

On Sunday evening, the 24th of July, 1960, an impressive event that we won't soon forget took place in the spacious three-story building owned by the deaf of Argentina. They have an association known as La Asociacion de Surdomudos de Ayuda Muta. It has a membership of 700. It provides free medical and dental care for its members. On the first floor of this building is the office of the association, a large reception hall, and two other rooms used as medical and dental clinics.

On the second floor socials are held. There is a small library for those who want to read and tables for others who wish to play cards or other games.

On the third floor is the auditorium and stage where meetings, movies, lectures, and plays are held. It is a large room with a capacity of perhaps 400.

The 24th of July (midwinter in that locality) event was a widely advertised affair at which the writer was proclaimed as the guest speaker. His appearance was marked by an attendance of perhaps 300 deaf Argentines. The stage was bedecked with three flags. A large Argentina flag was in the center flanked by two United States flags with a large "Welcome" sign at the top. The flags were of special significance because it indicated friendship between the deaf of the two particular countries.

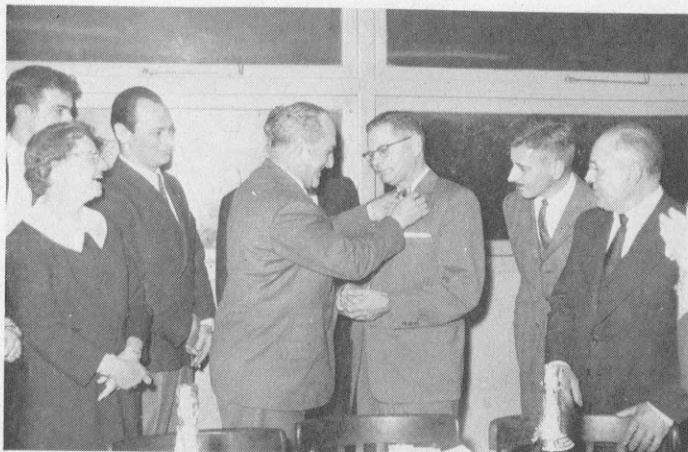
While the sign language was used, the one-hand alphabet and sign language that we use in the United States is not understood by the deaf in Buenos Aires, or in Argentina for that matter. As Mr. Ferrer understood English, the problem was solved by a prepared



Esteban Ferrer, dynamic leader of the deaf of Argentina, a student and ardent advocate of policies of the National Association of the Deaf. He is employed by a bank in Buenos Aires.

speech in the English language by the writer and translated by Mr. Ferrer. Some time ago Mr. Ferrer took it upon himself to learn English in order to understand and translate into Spanish some of the policies of the National Association of the Deaf and using it as a pattern for their own association. The

Left: President Demarco presents Mr. Jacobson with a lapel emblem of the Association de Surdomudos de Ayuda Mutua as an indication of honorary membership in the association. Mrs. Jacobson also received the same distinction. Right: with the Executive Board of the Argentina Association of the Deaf, left to right, (seated): Mr. Jacobson, President Carlos Demarco, Mrs. Jacobson, and Julio Gutierrez. The latter is in charge of the employment of the deaf. Standing: Oscar Arandia, maintenance man in charge of the buildings; Omar Galvan, member of the board of trustees; Moiese Dreksler, assistant treasurer; Roberto Gestoso, treasurer; Secretary Santiago Belza; Esteban Ferrer, assistant secretary; and Eduardo Dominguez Nimo, basketball coach and in charge of sports.



two of us stood at each side of a table that contained the prepared speech. The writer signed a paragraph or two in the conventional American manner, and then Mr. Ferrer translated the same paragraph in the Argentine fashion. This paragraph-by-paragraph relay continued for about an hour.

To begin with, a letter addressed to the writer from President Burnes of the NAD was read. The letter was as follows:

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

In your forthcoming tour of South America I shall greatly appreciate it if you will represent our National Association of the Deaf in any formal contacts you may have with the deaf and their organization and assure them of our sincere interest in their activities and their progress.

I hope that in some way your visit of the South American countries and the personal contacts you make will in some manner open the way to closer relations and active cooperation between our association and the South American deaf.

May I ask that you convey my greetings and sincere good wishes to the deaf you meet in the different countries you visit.

With all good wishes for a pleasant trip, I am,

Sincerely yours,
B. B. BURNES
President

After Mr. Ferrer had completed his Spanish translation of this letter, there



Mr. and Mrs. Casper Jacobson are surrounded by some of the attractive belles of Argentina.

was an appreciative round of handclapping indicating that Dr. Burnes' message was well received.

In the course of the talk the following topics were touched upon:

The number of residential schools for the deaf in the United States and the number of deaf teachers on the academic and vocational staffs (figures were taken from the January, 1960, *American Annals of the Deaf*); objects of the new Ohio Association of the Deaf; the approximate number of automobiles owned and driven by the deaf of Ohio; the two-mirror clause in Ohio Driver's License Law; the \$600 income tax exemption that the deaf of the United States declined to press for; some aspects of the work of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation under Dr. Boyce Williams; the valuable work that the Wisconsin Service Bureau is doing for the deaf; the efforts and accomplishments of the NAD; and the basketball and softball tournaments, state, sectional, and national.

About half way through the speech we were interrupted by a television crew setting up equipment for a tele-

cast that apparently had been arranged beforehand without our knowing about it. The camera was trained on the speaker who was against the backdrop of the stage with the American and Argentine flags and who was using the American sign language. We pointed out the pleasant relationship the deaf of the two countries enjoy and then shook hands with President Demarco, Secretary Belza, and Ferrer. Mrs. Jacobson was also on the stage with us during the television taping. After this the TV crew turned the camera on the audience who clapped their hands.

The following evening this was shown on a seven o'clock television news program in Buenos Aires. The American Embassy in Buenos Aires was notified of this event as it involved excellent relations between the deaf of the two countries.

After the speech, movies of the Ohio School for the Deaf with its many classroom scenes were shown. A second film portrayed the dedication ceremonies of the new building at the Ohio Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf along with scenes of a recent alumni reunion of the Ohio

school. Such movies are more or less commonplace with us here in the United States, but the reaction of the deaf in Buenos Aires to these scenes was one of wonder. It was hard for the deaf in the southern hemisphere to believe that we have other beautiful and modern schools like the school in Ohio in other states. We nevertheless received many pleasant comments on the movie notwithstanding the sign-barrier. While we experienced considerable difficulty in person-to-person conversation, it wasn't hard to understand their appreciative nature coupled with a broad smile and extended hand.

Next on the evening's agenda was another impressive event that took place on the second floor. Tables were arranged in U-fashion with the writer and his wife seated at the front table with officers of the association on either side. First came a large corsage of red carnations that was presented to Mrs. Jacobson by the deaf ladies of Buenos Aires followed by a little box that was presented to Mr. Jacobson by President Demarco. It contained a gold-plated plaque etched as follows:

The Asociacion de Surdomudos
de Ayuda Muta
to
Casper B. Jacobson
In Regard of His Work of
Understanding and Friendship
Buenos Aires

24 July, 1960

Needless to say, there were that choked-up feeling and bleary eyes. Appropriate words to express the recipient's feeling were lost, not to mention the fact that we were in a group who could not understand our signs anyway. We just bowed and thanked them for their expression of appreciation in the conventional American way.

But that wasn't all. President Don Carlos Demarco, without saying anything, pinned the emblem of the Association on our coat lapel which we assumed had something of a special status as members of the association. Mrs. Jacobson received the same distinction.

After the lengthy presentation ceremonies the evening's feast began. Thin sandwiches of white bread with fillings of smoked fish, cold beef, pork, and

Left: Mr. Jacobson is presented a plaque of appreciation and friendship by President Demarco of the Argentina Association of the Deaf. Right: Mrs. Jacobson is presented with a corsage of red carnations by the ladies of the Argentina Association of the Deaf.





Left: Mr. Jacobson, addressing the assemblage, and Mr. Ferrer, translator. In the other picture, left to right: Mr. Jacobson, President Carlos Demarco, and Secretary Santiago Belza.

cheese was served on large platters on each of the several tables. These dishes were replenished several times. Apple juice and Coca Cola are popular drinks.

The association is similar to the NAD and has as its objects the welfare of the deaf of Argentina. It has been very active in advocating the combined method of teaching in the schools for the deaf. Practically all of the schools employ the oral method, and deaf teachers are very scarce. We found that in the school for deaf girls in Buenos Aires two of the teachers are deaf. One teaches sewing, and another teaches a primary class in art. In the school for deaf boys, which has 200 pupils and fifty teachers, only one teacher is deaf and teaches an advanced class in art and architecture. The Argentine Association of the Deaf favors a broader hiring of deaf personnel by the deaf schools but has been stymied by a ruling by the Ministry of Education. In a way, it prohibited the employment of deaf.

Recently, however, the Asociacion de Surdomudos de Ayuda Muta succeeded in having this ruling rescinded when it drew up a resolution for the establishment of a school for the deaf in Corrientes, a city about 500 miles north of Buenos Aires. This school will open in March, 1961, and we understand that the method of teaching will be the combined system. All this came about by activity of this association.

By a government decree the association pays no taxes on the three-story building that it owns in Buenos Aires. This may be due to the Ayuda Muta (mutual aid) feature of its name. As we stated before, it renders free medical and dental care for its members. The clinic on the first floor has a doctor and dentist office that is open at stated hours two days each week. When a member needs hospitalization or surgery, the association pays half the cost. We think this is a wonderful thing.

The association employment commit-



tee finds jobs for the deaf in government work. This makes up a fairly large segment of their working life. Other committees are: a Woman's Committee, a Youth Committee, and a Bookkeeper Member. Just what are the duties of these isn't clear.

A recent letter from Mr. Ferrer indicated that the association has approved the monthly publication of a magazine for the Argentine deaf. Mr. Ferrer was appointed director. It will be similar to *THE SILENT WORKER* but printed in Spanish.

The younger set of the deaf population in La Plata recently bought a building for their use. It was dedicated on September 18, 1960, with high ranking government and city officials present. Among them were representatives from the Ministry of Education and Treasury (Hacienda), the Governor's secretary, the mayor of La Plata, and others. Mr. Ferrer indicated that they have assured the deaf of all-out

cooperation. We do not know just what connection this new group has with the present Argentina Association of the Deaf, but we imagine there is affiliation of some sort because many officers of the latter organization were at the dedication exercises and played a large part in the program.

Since leaving Buenos Aires we have learned there seems to be some movement to adopt the one-hand alphabet that the American deaf use. As it is now their alphabet is largely makeshift in composition and very hard to understand. Mr. Ferrer was happy to get the alphabet cards that were sent to him. Many are already trying to master our alphabet.

The association will celebrate its golden jubilee at a convention on June 30, 1962, and has urged us to come down and help them along. We have already planned a tour of South America to take place just before the NAD convention in Miami, Florida. The tour will not only take in the convention in Buenos Aires but will be about twelve days long with stops in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Lima, Peru; and Panama City, Panama. As soon as enough of the deaf are interested in making the trip, we will be ready to go into more detail. The charter flight will likely be by Braniff as Mr. Ferrer's brother is an officer of the Braniff Airlines in Buenos Aires and is helping with the tour, sightseeing, and hotels.

(The deaf of South America are sports fans, and their clubs sponsor teams of various sorts as do their United States counterparts. On page 29 will be found two pictures, one of a deaf jiu jitsu expert and the other of a club basketball team.)



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She started to push past him toward the door.

MISTLETOE

A Christmas Story

By LAURENCE HARRINGTON RANDALL
ILLUSTRATIONS BY THE AUTHOR

ALTHOUGH it was not yet five o'clock, it was already dark. Under the street light on the corner the snow, driven by the icy wind, swirled and eddied and piled into a drift against the diner. A green city bus bearing the legend "Addison-17" pulled out of the west-bound traffic and slid noiselessly to the curb. There was a brief jostling among the passengers up front, and then a girl, hatless, in a powder-blue wool coat, descended, crossed the sidewalk, and hurried up the steps of the diner, her coat plastered against her pretty figure and her galoshes flapping

as she kicked through the drifting snow.

The diner was empty except for the pretty cashier, the counterman, and a single customer. The girl, standing just inside the door, shook the snow from her coat, glanced along the row of empty stools and then looked inquiringly at the counterman who, catching her eye, pretended to examine the clock on the wall. He averted his gaze and shrugged. Then, stiffly, as one unused to the manual alphabet of the deaf, he finger-spelled: "You are early—Johnny has not come yet."

Shaking the snow from her hair as if to rid herself of her unhappiness, the girl frowned, then slid her coat down from her shoulders, pulled off her

gloves, and walked to the end of the diner where she stood before the window watching the traffic breasting the storm. Along the smooth line of her young throat a little throbbing tremor betold the excited pounding of her heart.

The cashier rang up the check for the customer and handed him his change. A swirl of powdery snow like stardust came through the door as he went out. The second hand on the clock made two complete revolutions. To the girl, it seemed like a long time. Suddenly she spun around as one who cannot be still, walked the length of the aisle, and sat down on a stool near the cash register. "Coffee?" asked the cashier.

Lipreading the word, the girl nodded solemnly.

She did not look around when the boy came in, yet she felt the draft of cold air when he pushed open the door and sensed that he was standing there close behind her, smiling down at her. She drank the last of her coffee, taking her time, trying to control her hand which somehow suddenly felt like it did not belong to her, trying to set down the cup carefully so that it would not make a "noise." Then she was swinging around, standing up, facing him, rigid, her lipstick too vivid on a face taut and drained of color, the beating of her heart jumping in the hollow of her throat.

The boy looked down at the girl, his eyes adoring, but troubled and perplexed, a quizzical smile playing hide-and-seek at the corners of his lips. He was so tall, so clean, so fine, and she so small—exquisitely appealing.

"Jenny," he said, finger-spelling, "what is the matter? Why don't you say something? Why don't you kiss me? What have I done? Are you mad at me?" Then, when she said nothing: "Jenny, Jenny, darling, I love you." His words tumbled from fingers that trembled with the depth of his emotion.

The girl shook her head, seemingly unable to speak, pain wiping its mask across her face as she sought to evade his eyes. Turning half away from him, she started to push past him toward the door. Then she swung on him, talking rapidly in the language of signs, her whole being in such a turmoil that it seemed to her she could not breathe:

"Johnny,—! Johnny! Listen to me. I want to talk to you. I can't marry you. I can't! I can't! Never! Never! I can't marry you—I can't ever belong to you. You understand? It is impossible! Don't turn your back on me like that; look at me! Why, Johnny, you silly boy, you're crying! For heaven's sake, what is the matter with you? Stop it, Johnny—the people are looking at us! Johnny, I can't stand to see a grown man cry. Come over here and sit in the booth where they can't see you."

Now, look here, Johnny—please! What? Me? No, I am NOT crying. How silly you are! Where is your handkerchief? Don't you have a handkerchief?"

The girl, distraught, almost hysterical, groped in her purse and took out a small bit of linen and lace, dabbling at her brown eyes. Then: "Here, take

it; your face is all wet. Wipe it dry. You can't? Then I'll do it for you, myself. You are so helpless. You need a mother. Lean over; I can't reach your face across the table.

"No, Johnny, I don't love anybody else. Honest! You know that is the truth. No! No! Don't ask me if I still love you. That's not fair. It's not fair, is it, Johnny?

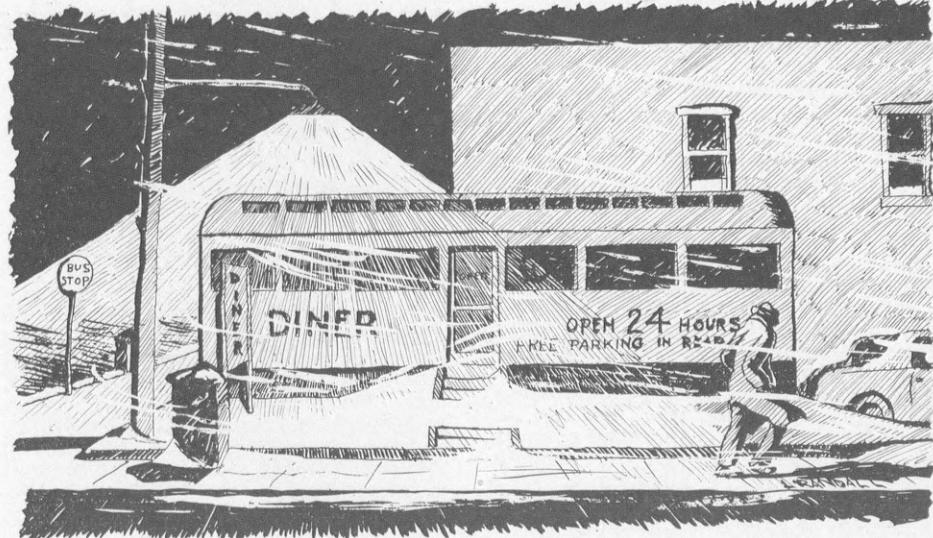
"Look, Johnny; I came here to say good-bye! Please understand me. It is all over between us. This is the end. Yes, that is the truth—I refuse to marry you. Johnny, I can't help it. It makes no difference at all that we went and got the license. The license doesn't mean that we ARE married. How foolish you are! Of course, I did not go with you to the license bureau for fun! No, I was not playing with you. But, Johnny, I have changed my mind. Can't a girl change her mind if she wants to? Johnny, for heaven's sake fix your face and stop crying like a baby. Can't you bear to have a girl say 'No'?

"Johnny, I've got to tell you something. Please—please believe me! This is the truth. I love you very much, Johnny—I will love you forever. You are so dear and sweet that it just breaks my heart to pieces to say it, but I can't—I can't marry you. Look! Look at me, P-L-E-A-S-E! You think that I am funny because I kiss you like—what did you call it?—like a mother—like the kiss of a bird?—and then you said that I did not kiss you like a sweetheart. Well, I have got to tell you. . . . Oh, how can I say it so you will understand? Hush! let me finish what I am trying to say? How many times do I have to remind you not to butt in when I am talking to you? Johnny, this is an awful thing for me to have to say, but I have to make a confession. I have to explain why we can't get married. Johnny, look! Look at me, P-L-E-A-S-E! I am only seventeen. I lied to you when I said I was nineteen. The license is no good—I lied. Also I have two more years in school. I am only a sophomore—not a senior. I lied to you about that, too. Johnny, take your hands away from your face. Oh, PLEASE, look at me! Now let's be sensible. Look! I have two more years in school, and then I will go to Gallaudet College.

"Johnny, it's Christmas Eve. Let's be gay, and smile and laugh. Let's order something to eat and celebrate. Then I've got to go. Let's not be sad. What? Why it takes five years to graduate from Gallaudet; don't you know that? There's one year of preparatory work before admission to the freshman class.

But, Johnny, couldn't you wait for me?

Listen! Wouldn't you be proud to have me as your wife if I was a college graduate? No! Don't say that, Johnny; you ARE NOT DUMB! Why, you are a linotype operator, and you have a good job—that's not dumb. Don't you ever let me hear you say



If you listened, you could hear the angels singing. It was Christmas Eve.

such a thing again. How you talk!

"Johnny, we must say good-bye. I will not see you again before I go back to school next week. No, I can't meet you here tomorrow afternoon. Mother thinks I am at the movies. She won't let me go to the movies every day.

"Johnny, I brought you a little gift—not just for Christmas, but to remember me. You can open it now, if you want to. Go on—open it; it's just a little box with something very small in it. Just pull the ribbon off. There! Yes, it's my locket—the one I wear every day. It's for you. My picture is in it. Give it to me; I will show you how to open it. The picture was made last summer. Do you like it?

"Now I must go. Good-bye, Johnny.

"What? You mean you really brought ME a Christmas gift also? You have it here? Oh, Johnny, let me see it; will you? Oh, thank you! Such a heavy little package! May I open it—now—Johnny? Don't look at me; my face is a mess—can't I cry if I want to? A card! Read it to me, please. Will you? I can't read your writing—it is blurred. The light in here is bad or something. Such a pretty thing to say to me, Johnny: 'A gift, with love, to Jennifer.' The knot—the ribbon will not come off—cut it for me. I have to fix my face.

"Johnny! Oh, my darling! How wonderful you are! Pearls! The tag says 'Cultured Pearls!' My dear, you are so extravagant—you are so dumb and so foolish and so sweet. How could I ever doubt your love for me!

"What? Another gift? But, dear—

"Johnny, I am astonished. Such a beautiful engagement ring—and—a wedding ring. You don't have to tell me—I know—that's platinum. But why, Johnny, why? You really meant for us to get married tonight? Why, darling, I thought you were just playing at love. How could I know it was really-truly?

"Yes, Johnny, I will marry you—right now—tonight. Johnny, wait! Let's not kiss across the table. Let's go outside in the car. I am going to cry some

more. Here, put your ring on my finger. Now we belong to each other forever."

After they had closed the door and gone, the counterman turned to the cashier and sighed: "Well, at last they are on their way to get hitched. If my sister hadn't attended the school for the deaf, and if I hadn't learned to read finger spelling and the sign language, they would have split up tonight right here. When I saw how things were going, I figured she was really fixin' to ditch him, so I sneaked over, pretendin' to pick up the dishes in the booth next to them, and I hung that sprig of mistletoe on the curtain rod right over her head. Mistletoe sure is powerful stuff—on Christmas Eve, I mean." There was a pause. Both seemed to be thinking. Then:

"Charlie, why are you always doing things like that for kids in love? Is it because you . . . ? Charlie, why don't you tell me about it? I know you love me—I have seen it in your eyes for so long. Charlie, it's been a long time. Will you keep me waiting for you forever?"

The counterman considered this for a while, watching the snow rush past the windows. Then his hand sought hers. "All right, Marylin. I'm not very good with words. I'll try to be a good husband to you. Will you . . . Marylin, I want . . . I mean, let's get married.

"Of course, Charlie. But kiss me, —Oh, kiss me!"

"I can't; not with this place all lit up; I've got to put the lights out." He fumbled for the master switch under the counter.

Then, as they stood close together in the warm darkness by the cash register, Marylin reached up and touched a bit of mistletoe dangling from a piece of string that hung from a light fixture.

"Yes, Charlie," she whispered, pressing against him, "mistletoe sure is powerful stuff—wonderful stuff."

The snow drove endlessly against the windows of the darkened diner. If you listened, you could hear the angels singing. It was Christmas Eve.

Banking—A Career for the Deaf

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State Department of Education
Baton Rouge

The vocational rehabilitation program for the deaf and the hard of hearing in Louisiana was first begun in the spring of 1943. Through an agreement between the director of Vocational Rehabilitation, Mr. S. W. Hendrix, and the superintendent of the Louisiana State School for the Deaf, the late Mr. Spencer Phillips, a cooperative program was developed. Through this cooperative agreement the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education assigned a full-time counselor to work with the deaf with the office being provided on the campus by the school for the deaf. This program has completed 17 years of continuous service to the deaf and has experienced a considerable degree of growth.

The underlying philosophy of the program has been that the closer the association between the counselor and the clients with whom he works, the better the functioning of the program. By having the office located at the school the counselor becomes closely associated with his clients early in their school careers. By the time they are ready for acceptance into the case load the counselor has already accumulated a wealth of knowledge about the individual student which makes for better case work and better understanding of the individual students. Furthermore, the working relationship between the counselor and school personnel makes possible a team approach to the rehabilitation of the deaf. By bringing both the school and the rehabilitation program into the operation this has meant a broadening of the program.

Space will not permit the detailed account of the operations of the program in all of its various ramifications. We would like to select only one phase of the program for this article as it will emphasize the type of operation which is carried out in this particular rehabilitation setting. We would like to give a few pertinent facts about job training and job development for clerical workers at the school for the deaf.

The commercial department at the Louisiana State School for the Deaf is one of the most completely equipped departments. Mrs. Jean Boles, the instructor in the commercial department, is a graduate of Louisiana State University with a degree in commerce. She has years of experience in working with the deaf and has a thorough knowledge of office machines and their operation. Students are selected for admission to the commercial department on the basis of their achievement record and psychological tests with particular emphasis upon clerical aptitudes. By being selective in the students who are admitted to this class, we are able to produce a graduate

whose chances of employment are reasonably good.

The department has a very complete listing of office machines, all of which are very new. In addition to the usual typewriters, both manual and electric, they have the adding machine, calculator, posting machine, IBM, multilith, and the manual duplicator. Practice on these machines would enable a student to become well-equipped for employment in the usual office-machine setting.

The newest addition to the commercial department has been something of an unusual arrangement for schools for the deaf. The rehabilitation counselor at the school in cooperation with a business-machine manufacturer was successful in securing the loan of a bookkeeping machine to be used at the school in training students for a bookkeeping-operations job geared to employment in the banks. This machine was set for the operations of one of the largest banks in Baton Rouge. Then through cooperation with that particular bank and a representative of a publishing house the counselor was able to secure a supply of the official forms to be used in the training program. Service for this machine was also secured through an interested individual. A system of accounts has been set up, and the students are now being trained in the operation of this machine for a particular job to be found in almost all banks throughout the state. Instead of having to be given employment training after graduation on this particular operation the students will already have acquired the basic knowledges of the job. Through this procedure the student will be better prepared for initial employment, and the bank will be saved the time and expense of basic training of a new employee. Training on this machine can be done under close supervision but yet under simulated working conditions. The job potentials for this particular operation are excellent.

Several years ago the counselor, in his employment development program, was able to develop several jobs for clients in one of the leading banks in Baton Rouge. As these two clients became adjusted to their employment and the bank personnel began to observe their production, they gave the counselor an opportunity to place others in the same organization. Today the bookkeeping department of that bank has six deaf workers in their employment, and this has been a very excellent example of what can be done where well-trained deaf persons are made available for employment.

As a result of this employment situation the counselor has been able to use this example with other banks in

the Baton Rouge area in the expansion of employment opportunities. Today we have ten deaf employed in four of the major banks in our city, all operating in the bookkeeping departments. They are handling a diversified type of employment as is expected of other employees. The only exception made for them is that they are not assigned jobs which require them to meet the public or where the use of the telephone is required.

Because of the success of the program in Baton Rouge the counselor, in cooperation with other counselors in the rehabilitation program, has been able to expand this type of employment in cities beyond the limits of Baton Rouge. During the summer months of this year the counselor was able to develop employment for one deaf girl in each of the three banks in Lafayette, a fast-growing city in southwest Louisiana. These placements were made as a result of the job development which was done in Baton Rouge. As we would contact a personnel officer in Lafayette banks we later found that our references were carefully checked in Baton Rouge. Because of the experiences we had enjoyed in Baton Rouge, we were able to make these successful placements in a period of six weeks' time. As time permits, we will expand this type of operation to other cities in our state.

In September the Bankers Institute of America began planning a fall program of inservice training for bank employees in the Baton Rouge area. Mr. Maitland Knox, assistant cashier of the Capital Bank and Trust Company, is the instructor in the course of basic principles of banking and invited the counselor to join with him in a conference to determine whether or not the deaf could be brought into this program. The counselor contacted the deaf employees in the various banks and learned that they were eager to become a part of this program as they wanted to be considered on the same basis as all other bank employees participating. The counselor then cleared with the appropriate bank personnel and found that they were eager for a program of this type to be initiated. The counselor then discussed the suggestions with the superintendent of the school for the deaf, Mr. John S. Patton; the principal, Mrs. Lillian Jones; and the commercial teacher, Mrs. Jean Boles. Even though the participants in the program were no longer in the school, the counselor felt that there was a responsibility which the school owed these former students in helping them to participate in a program of this type. Mrs. Boles joined with the counselor in volunteering her services to assist the counselor in working with

the deaf bank employees in this program.

The program consists of 14 one-night sessions meeting once each week. The sessions last for three hours each. Approximately 80 employee of various banks are enrolled in this particular course. We have 100 per cent attendance in membership of the deaf employees. Mr. Knox of the Capital Bank conducts the program on a lecture basis. Mrs. Boles serves as interpreter for the deaf; the counselor serves in the capacity of recorder. After each class is completed, the counselor transcribes his notes, and each deaf person is supplied a copy which he uses for reference in preparing for the examination which is to be had at the end of the course.

In addition to rendering a valuable service to the employed deaf and the banks, we are doing something even better by having the commercial teacher participate in this manner. She is getting firsthand knowledge of the fundamental principles of banking which is required of employees working for the banks. She will be able to bring this knowledge back to her students which, when given to them in their daily assignments, will further advance their training and will increase their capacities for employment when this phase of the program has been reached.

Since the program was undertaken, the counselor has been getting inquiries from other banking institutions. We have just placed a senior in a bank in Baton Rouge which is a result of the cooperative relationships which we have enjoyed with this important bank. The bank personnel are observing our activities in this type of program. They appreciate the fact that we are giving of our time and service in helping to train qualified personnel for future employment.

The counselor who works in the program at the school for the deaf in Baton Rouge has enjoyed a very splendid cooperative relationship since the beginning of the program some 17 years ago. We have the team-approach to the rehabilitation of the deaf. We believe that a better job can be done when the rehabilitation program, the Louisiana State School for the Deaf, and industry can work together in the rehabilitation of the deaf.



Ralph Sasser Heads
1962 Convention Committee

Ralph Sasser, of Miami, Florida, has been appointed general chairman of the local committee in charge of the 1962 convention of the National Association of the Deaf, to be held in Miami. He was recommended as chairman by the members of the Miami Association of the Deaf, sponsoring the convention, and his selection has been approved by President B. B. Burnes of the NAD.

Born in Haines City, Florida, in the center of the Citrus Belt, Sasser has spent his whole life in Florida. Convention visitors from the north might take a little snow to Miami with them, if such can be found in July, 1962, for that is something Ralph never has seen.

Sasser got his start towards an education in the public schools of Florida, but he suddenly became deaf at the age of eleven and entered the Florida School for the Deaf at St. Augustine, from which he was graduated in 1947. He has lived for some time in Miami, where he is employed as a linotype operator.

Ralph has been active in affairs among the deaf from the time he finished school. He was secretary of the Florida Association of the Deaf in 1948-50 and president for three straight terms, 1954-60. At present he is again secretary. He is no stranger to the NAD, having been Florida representative at both the St. Louis and Dallas conventions. He has been editor of *The FAD Bulletin*, official publication of the FAD, since it was started in 1957.

He married Rebie Hemperley, a native of Miami and a Florida School graduate, Class of 1947. She also attended Gallaudet College one year. The Sassers have two boys, ages 11 and 3.

Chairman Sasser is now giving most of his spare time to plans for the 1962 convention. He has almost completed organization of the Local Committee, and he is scheduling regular meetings of the committee. He promises a big time for all who attend the convention, and he expects a record-breaking crowd.

NEWS and VIEWS

About Automobile Insurance

GUESTS' RESPONSIBILITY—Intoxicated passengers may not recover damages from an auto accident if they were riding with a driver who was under the influence of alcohol. The U. S. District Court in Wilmington recently denied damages in such a matter. The Court stated "It is no less the duty of the passenger to learn of the danger and avoid it if practicable. To permit these parties to recover would be a miscarriage of justice . . . they were guilty of assumption of risk or contributory negligence, it does not matter which." If your friend has had one too many for the road . . . don't ride!

It has come to our attention that some of those interested in the auto insurance program, misunderstand the qualifications for admittance into the plan. This program REQUIRES THAT GOOD DRIVING HABITS AND EXPERIENCE be a factor for the issuance of an insurance policy. If these factors are present . . . if the deaf driver is a good, careful, and experienced driver, THEN the company will forget the applicant's hearing loss. Up to now, companies have said that HEARING LOSS has been a disqualifying factor, regardless of the driving ability of the applicant. Further, the company informs us that those persons who will be uninsurable under this plan will be (a) those drivers under age 21 who are principal drivers (Principal drivers are those persons who own a car or use the car most of the time. Any person under age 21 who has little use of the car would be eligible.) (b) those drivers over age 65 (c) those drivers who have a bad driving history.

However, even if you should be temporarily in the classes outlined above, we can arrange liability insurance (in its limited form) under the Assigned Risk Plan. By permitting this office to handle the insurance, we will still be in a position to keep your statistical information as to driving habits, etc., and perhaps be able to qualify you in the regular program after a short while.

Speaking of the Assigned Risk Auto Liability Plan, there are many things about which should be made clear, for the welfare of everyone. For this reason, next month, we will take time to write about this. If you have any questions now, about this, please let us know and we will include them in the write-up.—**Insurance Guidance Service of Pennsylvania, Inc., 613 Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia 26, Pennsylvania.**

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The Texas Association of the Deaf

Blue Bonnet Association and Lone Star Association Were Forerunners of Present TAD,
Contributions of Louis B. Orrill Outstanding

By CAREY C. SHAW

Texas has had some sort of state organization for the deaf ever since 1866. The forerunners of the present state association were under two different names, viz: the Blue Bonnet Association of the Deaf, named after the Texas state flower, and the Lone Star State Association of the Deaf, named after the lone star in the Texas state flag. Finally the present name, Texas Association of the Deaf, came into being in 1921. It has always been on the lookout for the interests and rights of the deaf in Texas and would like to point out some accomplishments during the past ten years, namely:

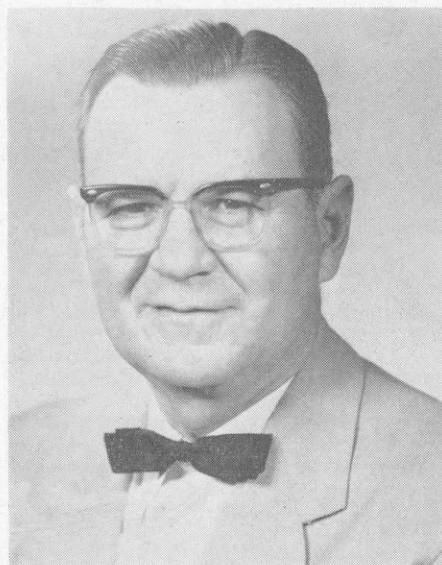
1953—Successfully fought a movement to sell the Texas School for the Deaf properties and relocate the school. Prevented a movement to remove the school from under the department of education and place it under a special board. Introduced and worked for the bill eliminating the clause in the statutes requiring parents to pay for room and board for their children while attending Texas School for the Deaf.

1955—Introduced and worked for the bill giving Texas School for the Deaf \$2,500,000 for its initial building program.

1956—The construction of the new \$3,200,000 plant for Texas School for the Deaf was completed, making the school the finest and most up-to-date one in the world.

1959—Had a bill passed in the state legislature making it unlawful to peddle or use finger alphabet cards or other printed matter stating in effect that the person is deaf in a manner calculated to play upon the public sympathy in order to secure some donation. Obtained repeal of enactment, providing for exemption of the deaf persons from the payment of poll taxes. Revision of the Association's charter to pave the way for the fund raising and getting the Internal Revenue Service office to allow the deduction for donations made to the Association.

The Texas Association of the Deaf takes much pride in the fact that National Association of the Deaf has convened twice within its jurisdiction, the



Rudolph D. Gamblin, president of the Texas Association of the Deaf, attended the Texas School and was graduated from Gallaudet College in 1935. He coached at his alma mater in Austin several seasons and later in public schools of Amarillo, where he now resides. He is now an accountant for a hardware firm. He and his wife, the former Gustyne Fisk, of New York City, have three children.

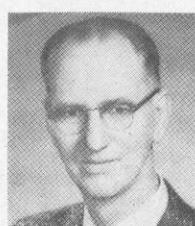
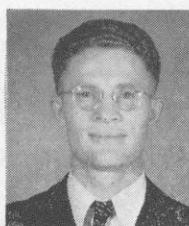
State of Texas, within eight years. The NAD met in Austin in 1952 and again in Dallas recently. Texas also brags that its Magic City, Dallas, provided the NAD convention with the most unusual entertainment in NAD history, in the true Texas style, which all conventioners enjoyed immensely. It succeeded in drawing about 1000 people to Texas in spite of its famed hot climate during the summer, under the capable management of Louis B. Orrill, its local committee chairman and his Texas partners.

Orrill Plaque

At the 1959 Beaumont convention, Louis B. Orrill, who had served the Texas Association of the Deaf as its president from 1941 to 1958, was tendered a distinguished honor when he was awarded a bronze plaque, bearing his likeness. Such an honor had never been given to any deaf person in Texas. Early E. McVey of Houston, who was responsible for the successful drive among the deaf Texans for this plaque, declared in his awarding speech at the convention banquet that Mr. Orrill was the man who had faithfully served the TAD for seventeen years as its president and given much of his time and money in efforts to further the TAD projects for the Texas School for the Deaf and who had fearlessly plunged into state politics in the interests of the school and been a constant lobbyist at the state capitol all those years, and that he deserved this signal honor. The plaque now hangs in the Texas School for the Deaf auditorium.

(This is the first of a series of SW stories about state associations of the deaf. Other state groups are invited to submit articles about the history and accomplishments of their groups. Pictures of officers are also desired. Stories which will fit one page are preferred. Consideration will be given such features in the order they are submitted.—The Editor)

Other officers of the Texas Association of the Deaf are, from left to right: Seth Crockett, first vice president; W. S. Smith, second vice president; Cary C. Shaw, secretary; and Berndt Blomdahl, treasurer. Mr. Crockett, a graduate of the Texas School, Gallaudet College, and Bradley University, is an Austin businessman, owning his watchmaking and jewelry firm. Mr. Smith, an Alabaman who attended the Mississippi and Louisiana Schools, lives in Beaumont and is a printer. He has been very active in deaf organizations for many years, having been a long-time officer in the Louisiana Association of the Deaf before moving to Texas. Mr. Shaw, a product of the Texas School and a Gallaudet College graduate, is in the insurance business in Houston with his own agency. He has been very active in the Baptist work among the deaf for many years. Mr. Blomdahl also lives in Houston. The above officers were elected at the Texas Association's 20th Biennial Convention held in Beaumont in 1959.



The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

Well, friends, it is all of four-thirty of a beautiful morning whose beauty is enhanced by coffee percolating with gay abandon, as if it didn't have a care in the world. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all perk like that? Just think of all the things we could accomplish together! Such beautiful thoughts leave us starry-eyed, but we must hasten to get this ready so you will have a copy when you are sufficiently awake to ring for your breakfast to be brought in to you.

Since last we talked about the three R's and their related cousins, Thanksgiving has come and gone. We have always had a special prayer of thanksgiving in our heart since our return from Europe, the summer of 1958. We are grateful that we live in America, where the deaf can—and have lifted themselves by their own boot straps. That they have been able to do this with so little cooperation among themselves and their various agencies is all the more remarkable. When one thinks of what might have been done, had all of us been behind the wheel, pushing as one, well, it is enough to cause one to want to weep.

The future is before us, and we should recognize it for what is really it. We should know by now that charity begins at home. We should know that the fellows who are trying to help us can do a whole lot more with us backing them instead of hacking them. We should know that our schools and the men who head them are not punk; but if they really do turn out only products who seem to think the world owes them a living and that it is their right to tear it down, then our schools are indeed punk!

Say, isn't this a rather long paragraph to write to lure the dead line out of hiding? Here is comes, so . . .

Join us, friend. We need you.

We liked what we saw of the new NAD in action, and we really believe it is going to serve the deaf of our nation more than just well. For one thing, it is a chain of states which thinks as a unit, therefore moves as one. How does this tie in with education? If you do not understand this, you had better brush up on your thinking. How does this tie in with parents? If you do not know, you had better look at parenthood with a bold new perspective.

A dollar a month is money in the bank.

Our beloved sign language is beginning to really go places. The Johns Hopkins Magazine, for October, gave it a big pat on the back when it published "The Silent Stage," an article dealing with the classical drama being

translated into sign language by the students of Gallaudet College. Nine pages was devoted to this article, along with many beautiful illustrations. Get your copy, if you can.

Let your dollar a month talk for you.

Now, while we are so near Gallaudet, the world's only college for the deaf, we want to tell Mrs. Georgia E. Holden, director of public relations, that she is doing a marvelous job. We like it—and her. If you want news that is fresh from the oven, you might write her at Gallaudet and see what you can do about getting your name on her list.

If you drive, you should steer for the NAD.

Salem is calling you. We had a letter from one of the best principals in the business, Tom Dillon of New Mexico, who said, "Please do not miss the convention in Salem!" Now, that is enough. A word to the wise is sufficient, but since Tom used all of eight, we are curious to know what is afoot in the domain where a nice fellow, Clatterbuck, by name, holds sway. Quoting Tom, "Please do not miss the convention in Salem."

If you teach, spread knowledge about the NAD.

You had better hold on to your seat because in 1963 some of the jimdandiest gatherings you have ever known are on tap. Washington will be the setting for this show of shows. Education? You bet your life!

Make it really Christmas—

join the NAD!

Speaking of Christmas, here are some of the things we hope you'll find in your sock: (1) twelve checks, each for a dollar and signed by you payable to the NAD; (2) a keener desire to help those who are trying to help you; (3) a deeper appreciation of the good things that have come to you, a deaf person, and an American; (4) more pride in what the deaf have accomplished; (5) a pat on the back for those who can use it; (6) a closer working agreement with your alma mater, with a firm resolve that those who are still in school can have it even better than you did when you were a pupil; (7) and, a "here's my hand—let's work as one as we live together!"

Any one of the seven is enough to make it for you and yours a . . .

**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
FOR YEARS TO COME.**

**New Year Resolution?
Be a better NAD'er.**

"One of the most difficult instruments to play well is second fiddle." —Doc Anklam.

**The Silent Worker is getting better.
You?**

"If it is a good idea that every deaf leaving school must become eventually

a substantial taxpayer, the school authorities, and the rehabilitation officers must be sternly watchful, guiding every deaf until he is in full assurance with a steady job."—Carl B. Smith.

There is food for thought in this, plus a bold pattern for action by those in authority.

Put the NAD in your Christmas sock.

Well, friends, by now we see that you are wide awake. It is either this machine isn't so noiseless, after all, or that your hearing aid batteries pick up pep during the night. Anyway, we are sorry that we had to go and wake you, but we wanted to tell you that the dead line has been drinking our coffee for all of an hour and that we are perfectly furious. We are of a mind to throw it out, but since this is the Christmas season, we will bear with it until some other time.

We have enjoyed this year with you. You, as we have said before, are the salt of the earth; but if you get a bit saltier, you will be in a better position to up and at 'em. If you have to be a wallflower, be sure to buttonhole the folks who are unbelievers so you can explain the facts of living together and working together for the greatest good of the greatest possible number.

Have a nice Christmas. May your door be open wide so that He may enter in! Thank you for reading this far with

WTG..

THIS MONTH'S QUOTES FROM LEWISTON, IDAHO

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Humor Among the Deaf

By Toivo Lindholm

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I wonder how the jargon of the deaf sounds. Recently "Post Scripts" in the SatEvePost carried a piece, "Enfeebled English," in which college students mumbled their speech. This same PS page several times carried "Pun-Abridged Dictionary" where words like "vacation" are made to sound like "vocation" and "seashore" is made to sound like "seizure," etc.

Murray Robinson, in New York Journal-American, gave an example of Brooklynesque gibberish, or is it Manhattanese. Quote:

Telephoned the gym to talk to a party named Nick, and the conversation went like this:

ME: Hello, gym?

VOICE: Jimmoo?

ME: Is this the Eighth Avenue gym?

VOICE: Yeah, Tavenya gym. Hooyawan?

ME: Nick.

VOICE: Ainear.

ME: Has he been in?

VOICE: Wai, lask. (He can be heard asking somebody in the gym. Then he's back on the phone.) Nah. It's toily. Toily f'Nick.

ME: When do you expect him?

VOICE: Hol'a foam. (More background conversation. Now he's on the wire again.) Oonose? Coobeetwel', coobetwo. But now's toily f'Nick.

ME: I thought he got in early. Thanks.

VOICE: You wanNick, you klapta.

ME: Call after when?

VOICE: You klaptawoods.

ME: I'll do that. Who is this?

VOICE: A felleroun'.

I thanked him again and hung up. You know what bothers me? That I understood every word he said. Unquote.

Most of us the deaf can't hear our own voices well enough, or at all, to control or modulate them. I believe it'd be interesting if somebody reproduced our gabble on paper—more in the spirit of helping than of discouraging us. I was told I talked like a foreigner, yet this hasn't deterred me from talking orally. Still I'm curious.

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Harry V. Jarvis, Hartford, Connecticut, sends this piece:

My wife was in the Hartford Hospital during July. I asked the head nurse one day if I could see her doctor. I wrote on a slip of paper,

"Is it possible for me to see her doctor now?"

The nurse wrote:

"I'll try to get him. Can you hear him on the phone?"

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In a southern state lived a minister by the name of Knight who had a deaf

son. It was only natural that his congregation should, good naturally of course, call him Holy Knight and the son Silent Knight.—Rev. Arthur G. Leisman (1940)

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The patient in the hearing clinic was an awed 16-year-old country girl. But our famous chief was fatherly kindness itself.

"This girl's been considered feeble-minded because of her deafness," he told his circle of students. "Yet with training she could support herself. Bending his white head to her ear, he asked, "Susie, what do you like to do best?"

The patient blushed. Then she said loudly: "Aw-w-w . . . I ain't no bad girl."—Richard W. Taylor, M.D., in the Medical Economics. (Sent in by Dr. Irving Fusfeld, presumably.)

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Mrs. Willa Dudley has had a furnace maintenance man come to her apartment house periodically to check the furnaces and to do repairs when needed. He has been coming for a few years, and in all that time he and she had carried on oral conversation.

One day sometime ago he came as usual, and during a pause in his work he stopped to listen a while to Mrs. Dudley's parakeets. He asked Mrs. Dudley if the parakeets could talk.

Mrs. Dudley replied that she did not know, as she could not read their lips.

The man gasped, and asked incredulously: "Do you read mine?" To which Mrs. D. replied, "Yes, you have an easy mouth to read."

"Do you hear me?" he asked. Mrs. D. replied, "No; haven't heard a word since I was a child."

Ever since, Mrs. Dudley declared, the man has scribbled on paper everything he wanted to say to her. "He has never opened his mouth to me once since," she said. "I've tried to get him to talk to me. No dice," she added.

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Gene Guire sent in the following:

I had a dinner date with a friend (hearing) who always insisted I lip-read so well he would not attempt to talk on his hands to me.

During dinner, I asked him how his brother was (his brother had been ill), and he said, "My brother was buried last Friday."

I said, "Fine, I hope he will be very happy."

My friend looked at me very oddly and said, "Gene, what did you think I said?"

I said, "You said your brother got married last Friday."

He roared and explained in natural

signs what he had said—and was my face red. However, he woke to the fact that lip-reading is really difficult and guesswork on many occasions.

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This same Imogene Guire tells about taking her parakeet to work with her, one time, in the county tax office in San Bernardino. It would walk on her shoulders chirping away, pecking playfully on her neck. Someone in the office asked if the parakeet talked to her. Gene replied she did not know; that she had not learned to read its lips.

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At the California Association of the Deaf convention I was told a few items to pass on to you on this page. I have to labor over them and check with the narrators before doing so, so watch for them in the next issue. Sol Garson had the goodness to write out his story on the spot, so here it is:

Recently occurred a very amusing incident in Oxnard, California. Mrs. Garson and I drove with our pet conure (a type of parakeet) perched on the steering wheel. At 25 m.p.h. we drove down Saviers Road to a supermarket when came a speed patrol, signaling me to the curb. He spoke to me, and I had to put a finger to my ear as a sign of deafness.

He wrote on my pad: "Has your bird a driving license?" I almost dropped dead. He said it could create a driving hazard, with drivers in other cars gazing and gaping at the bird. So I removed the pet and put it on top of its cage on the front seat. The patrolman ventured to pat it on the head and was bitten on the finger. At that, I wrote: "My pet thought you were issuing it a citation."

This must be my Parakeet Month. I have two more parakeet stories to tell you. The following came from Mrs. Vasken Aghabalian (nee Mary Sladek), who in turn got it through Mrs. Margaret McAllister: (The other story must come next time.)

. . . Now take the owner of a parakeet. In our community there lives a person who has a very smart bird that constantly engages in conversation on any subject. On a recent spring-like morning a window was left open, and the bird flew out and failed to return.

Sympathizing friends made a house-to-house canvass and found it at the home of an elderly couple who are deaf and mute. The bird was engaged in an animated conversation with its new hosts by means of the sign language, using the toes of its right foot to spell out the words.

—Dr. R. G. Reed in the Kansas Star.



QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS

on Parliamentary Procedure

By Edwin M. Hazel

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American Institute of Parliamentarians

"A wise man discovers where he was wrong; a fool proves himself right."—Anon.

"If you are in the right, you can afford to keep your temper. If you are in the wrong, you cannot afford to lose it."—Anon.

Q. I do not understand the difference between common parliamentary law and special parliamentary law. Please clarify. Thank You.—SWB.

A. The English Parliament, our national assembly—U. S. Congress—state legislatures, and other **very** large assemblies such as national and city councils have set the pattern and spirit of common parliamentary law which is generally applicable to any democratic organization and differs from special parliamentary law. That is, special parliamentary law means rules or regulations applicable only to a particular organization for its own use, such as appointments or meetings, election of officers, fixing the number necessary to constitute a quorum. These rules may vary from organization to organization, etc.

Q. Does special parliamentary law outrank common parliamentary law?

A. Yes, in all points where it does not conflict with common parliamentary law.

Q. What does "appointive officers" mean?—Miss B.

A. Editor, parliamentarian, historian and any others of importance. These officers are all appointed usually by the president. Their duties are usually specified in the by-laws.

Q. Suppose some members leave the assembly room and there is no longer a quorum. May business continue as usual, on the ground that a quorum was present and recorded at the opening ceremony?

A. No. As soon as there is no quorum, the remaining business transacted becomes null and void. The only motions that are in order when no quorum is present, are the motions to adjourn, to take a recess, or to fix the time and place for an adjourned meeting (continuation of the meeting). Sometimes simple routine business can be ratified (legalized) at the next meeting.

Q. At the recent meeting of our club a motion and a primary (first degree) amendment were pending, and a member moved to substitute a **new** motion for the original. The Chair ruled the substitution out of order. I was stunned and believed he was wrong but was afraid to appeal for I was not sure of myself. Was the Chair right?

A. Yes, the Chair was right because the substitute motion would be out of order as long as the primary (first degree) amendment was pending. Remember, a motion to amend by substitution itself is a **primary amendment** and never a secondary (second degree) one. However, when the primary amendment is disposed of, the substitute motion would be in order. When stated by the Chair, the friends of the original motion are still privileged to debate and to propose any secondary amendment desired. Then the friends of the substitute motion have the same privilege on modification by secondary amendment if any. The Chair then puts the substitute motion to vote first, and if it is carried the substitute motion becomes the main motion as if it were originally made. Then there must be another vote on the main motion as **amended** (i.e., substituted) for its adoption. Remember, amendments must be **germane** to the main motion. That is, they must be on the **same** subject matter and sympathetic to it. In other words, members must seek to perfect the main motion.

Q. Suppose a motion requires a two-thirds vote for its adoption, does it also require a two-thirds to reconsider a vote on it?

A. No. A motion to reconsider requires only a majority vote.

Q. Has the president power to force a member to serve on a committee?

A. No.

Q. Who should preside if both president and vice president are absent from the meeting?—Miss R.

A. The secretary should call the meeting to order, and the assembly should immediately select a temporary chairman by voting by show of hands.

True or False

(Read correct answers on page 30)

T F 1. The president of an organization does not have more power while in the chair than any other presiding officer.

T F 2. Standing committee chairmen are members of the executive board.

T F 3. An executive board has the right to refuse to read the minutes of its meetings to the general assembly, even when requested to do so by the assembly.

T F 4. The adoption of a budget approves the expenditures.

T F 5. It is compulsory for a member of a committee to sign the committee's report even if he opposes the recommendations.

T F 6. If the vice president presides during an absence of the president, any of his actions can be reversed by the president when he appears late in the evening or at the following meeting.

T F 7. The Chair has a right to show by his action that he is for or against a question or resolution under consideration.

T F 8. Any two members of the committee may call a committee meeting if the chairman fails to call a committee meeting.

T F 9. Supposing the only **two** candidates for the same office receive an equal number of votes, they may draw lots by agreement in case of a deadlock.

T F 10. To expedite business, the president may turn the chair over to the law committee chairman (first vice president of an association) when he is to give the law committee report during the order of business.

Victor J. Knaus

Victor J. Knaus passed away at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 18, 1960.

Because he spent most of his career conducting a business of his own, he did not actively participate in affairs among the deaf and was little known outside his home state of Ohio, but he was an outstanding deaf citizen. Born in Cleveland on April 20, 1903, to Slovenian parents in the large Slovenian neighborhood of Cleveland, Knaus was a fluent writer in the Slovenian language, a talent which shaped his career.

Knaus received his early education in the public schools of Cleveland and attended St. Vitus High School. He became deaf at about fifteen and attended the Ohio School for the Deaf for a short time before entering Gallaudet College, from which he was graduated in 1926. At college he was prominent in athletics and a leader in student organizations.

After graduating from college, Knaus taught for a short time in the Maryland and the Mississippi Schools for the Deaf, and then returned to Cleveland to enter the printing business. He soon became known as one of the best linotype operators in Cleveland. For many years he was co-owner of a printing plant which published a newspaper and other publications in the Slovenian language. In February, 1960, he became editor of the official publication of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association, an organization of over 50 branch lodges and with fifteen million dollars insurance in force.

From 1940 to 1943, Knaus was secretary of the Cleveland Division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. While in this office he wrote a revision of the local rules book which has been widely adopted by other divisions.

Funeral services were held on October 22, and interment was at All Souls Cemetery in Cleveland. Knaus is survived by his wife, Evelyn Mary (nee Mackey), a daughter, Nancy, a teacher in Cleveland, a son, James, a student at Ohio University, his mother, two brothers, and four sisters.



Random Jottings

By Bernard Teitelbaum

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We have an article on the death of a deaf automobile driver who was killed as a result of a combination of circumstances that almost daily plague many of us who drive.

How many of us have tremulously pulled away from a curb or out of a driveway, aware of the accident potentialities in the situation? Our view of the street or road in one direction or the other is obscured or obliterated by parked cars and trucks.

One pulls gingerly away from a curb or out of a driveway fully aware that an oncoming car may frantically sound its horn, the driver unaware that we are deaf and oblivious to its raucous blare although it may bring the whole neighborhood to the door.

Steve Cibula, 37, homeward bound from a job he had held for 18 years, was killed as he was crossing a set of railroad tracks equipped with only crossing signs.

His view of the tracks in the direction of an oncoming freight train had been completely obscured by a string of five box cars parked on a spur.

The engineer told police he did not see the car until it was too late to bring the train to a halt, and Mr. Cibula was thrown under the wheels of the locomotive.

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Very few people can tell of the experience of a railroad locomotive bearing down on them. It is not necessarily a terrifying experience—where the pedestrian is galvanized into instant action to survive. He has not had time to become terrified at his imminent danger.

To become terrified at an impending danger on a railroad crossing would immobilize one in his tracks and result in his destruction or permanent maiming.

This writer has had the experience of a switching engine running without load bearing down on him. This happened approximately five years ago so apparently the writer has lived to tell his tale.

Working too far away to go home for supper one winter evening, he supped at a restaurant across the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-

road. There were five sets of tracks at this point.

In these latitudes, darkness descends early in midwinter, and by 7 p.m. it is as dark as the darkest night, and the writer glanced cursorily up and down the tracks before crossing.

Stepping onto the second set of tracks, the writer quite by chance glanced to his left and perceived the hulking black form of a switching engine, blacker for the darkness of the night, bearing down on him less than 50 feet away.

The instinct to survive caused him to spring out of the way. As he spun around to shake his fist at the engineer and utter a few imprecations at him, he, (the engineer) switched on his headlight—the engine, a huge old steam-driven type, had been running with the headlight off which explained why the writer failed to notice it as he started across the tracks.

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Will imposters never learn? Apparently never! They insist on feigning deafness and, not knowing the ever-present problems of deafness, constantly give themselves away in unguarded moments.

Most imposters fare not too badly when their disguise is unmasked. They are either given light terms in jail or banished from town (to continue their nefarious trade elsewhere) or both.

We are indebted to Bert Shapaska of Washington, D. C., for a clipping on an imposter who fared badly when his imposition was discovered.

Dated Charlotte, N. C., July 16, the article tells of a Joseph Wray who attracted sympathy as a deaf mute at his arrest, through a lower court trial and conviction for a misdemeanor and at his appeal hearing.

Mecklenburg (N. C.) Superior Court Judge W. Jack Hooks "considerately ordered that the Charlotte defendant be given a record of the evidence against him—to study overnight in his jail cell—and permitted him to cross-examine witnesses by written notes."

Ignorant of the never changing problems of deafness, Wray became garrulous in his cell, and a cellmate spilled the "beans" on him.

We quote the balance of the article: "Is this true?" demanded Judge Hooks.

"Yes sir," Wray admitted sheepishly, "I started on this deaf and dumb kick when I was arrested, and I could not see any way to get off of it."

"He had appealed a suspended 60-day sentence. He got an active two-year sentence. He was charged with indecent exposure."

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The defendant might have drawn a lighter sentence had he not complicated the situation by feigning deafness. Because of his poor judgement, he had the book thrown at him.

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Life is full of coincidence. Pure coincidence! Providence seems often to have a hand in some "coincidences." Judging from the nature of a recent coincidence we shall mention, it is easy to believe the intervention of providence.

This writer, a linotype operator on a daily newspaper, picked off the hook "copy" on the death of a former superintendent of the local school for the deaf. Likewise he lifted copy on the death of a local deaf man.

We believe the above were pure coincidence which might occur to any man on a newspaper force. Providence may have intervened in this one:

In the June, 1960 issue of THE SILENT WORKER, we reported that "Products by the Handicapped, Inc." of New York City had been dissolved by court order when it was shown the firm employed no handicapped workers nor did it deal in commodities or items made by the handicapped. Its products were bought through normal commercial channels.

Recently this writer, functioning as a proof-reader, came across a legal notice of the establishment of a business whose "assumed or fictitious name, styled or designation" included the word "handicapped."

We do NOT say there is a relationship between the two firms or their owners. We do NOT say nor do we imply that the new business is other than honorable and upright. The words in quotes above are normal legal verbiage in announcements of applications for charters of incorporation in Pennsylvania.

We mention this notice merely as an item of interest to the deaf generally.

However, we have alerted officials charged with placement of handicapped workers of the establishment of the new firm.

EMPIRE STATE NEWS

Condensed Proceedings of the 43rd Biennial Convention of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, Inc., Held at the Sheraton Inn in Binghamton, New York, August 31-September 3, 1960

Wednesday, August 31, 1960

The Convention of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, Inc., was opened with an invocation by Father Robert P. Collins of Rome, N. Y.

Mrs. Agnes Padden of Hyattsville, Md., recited "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Mayor Burns of Binghamton gave an address of welcome.

Clifford Leach, convention chairman, gave a welcome speech.

Mr. Thomas Cawley, reporter from the Binghamton Press, gave an address.

Rev. William Lange, Jr., president of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, also gave an address.

Mrs. Frances Flanagan interpreted for the speakers.

A reception followed.

Thursday, September 1, 1960

A tribute, "In Memory of Departed Leaders," was read by Thomas Hinckey.

Reports were read by all officers and committees.

Law Committee Chairman Thomas Hinckey proposed some law changes, especially on dues, which were to be acted on at the Saturday morning session.

Mrs. Sophia Hamilton, assistant matron at Gallaudet Home for the Aged Deaf and Infirm, gave a talk on the Gallaudet Home; she said that the residents have plenty to eat and are contented and happy.

At 5:30 p.m. the delegates rode in two buses to the barbecue out in the country. We all enjoyed it. We returned to the Sheraton Inn in plenty of time before the panel discussion.

8:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: "Progress of Our Association Must Be Kept Rolling." Thomas Hinckey, Mrs. Alice Beardsley, Mrs. Doris Erb, and Armondo Giansanti were chosen panelists. Kenneth Cobb was the moderator. Each of the panelists told how he or she was taught in school. Some of us told of our school's methods of teaching and what we thought to be the best method. The panel discussion was enjoyed by all of us.

Friday, September 2, 1960

Armondo Giansanti, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, read the resolutions. All were accepted. (Resolutions printed elsewhere.)

The motion to have the Empire State Association of the Deaf subscribe en masse to THE SILENT WORKER every month was carried.

As a token of appreciation to Mrs.

Sophia Hamilton, it was decided that her expenses to the convention and lodging and meals be paid out of the Gallaudet Home Fund.

In the afternoon, the delegates visited the IBM plant. There were some interpreters on the tour through the plant to help the guides explain the work of the employees in various departments. It was very interesting to see how the IBM machines were made.

5:30 p.m. Panel talk on education on television. Father Collins explained in the sign language how the deaf are taught in different schools. Mr. Cawley, News reporter, was the moderator. Mrs. Agnes Padden recited "The Star Spangled-Banner" in the sign language on TV, too.

8:00 p.m. Talent Show.

Some of the delegates gave pantomimes in turn for prizes. They were comical and clever and drew lots of laughs. Rev. Lange won first prize. Other prizes went to one team (Cobb and Coughlin), Mrs. Hinckey, Rubin, and Marinich.

Saturday, September 3, 1960

Annual dues were raised from \$1.25 to \$4.00 to cover the ESAD and NAD dues and subscriptions to THE SILENT WORKER.

The Convention Fund dues were raised from \$25.00 per year to \$35.00.

Thomas Hinckey was given Honorary Life Membership by acclamation.

The election of new officers resulted as follows:

President: Claude H. Samuelson

Vice President: Rev. Wm. Lange, Jr.

Secretary: Armondo Giansanti

Treasurer: Mrs. Pearl Kirkland

Rochester was selected as the convention city in 1962.

Past President Hinckey administered the oath to the newly elected officers and directors.

At 6:30 p.m. the banquet was held in the Ballroom.

Rev. William Lange gave the invocation.

Mrs. Agnes Padden recited "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Speakers were Mr. Leon Auerbach of Gallaudet College and Dr. David Peikoff of Toronto, Canada.

Mr. Alfred Hoffmeister was the toastmaster.

The Thomas Fox Prize was awarded to Claude H. Samuelson.

Incidentally, September 3 was the 33rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Samuelson.

Entertainment followed.

Mrs. Lucretia King was elected the ESAD Queen.

Sunday and Labor Day were devoted to the Ninth Annual Golf Tournament held at Ely Park. A luncheon

followed the first 18 holes, with a meeting after lunch. Dorman Harvey of Rochester won the permanent trophy.

Be seeing you in Rochester in 1962.

Resolutions Adopted at the 1960 Convention of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, Inc.

WHEREAS, there are many deaf persons who, because they have not been given a proper education, or because of other physical or mental inadequacies are not able to obtain employment by themselves, and need help from the Rehabilitation Department; and

WHEREAS, many of the Rehabilitation people, whose duty it is to try to assist the deaf in finding jobs, cannot or will not try to communicate with the deaf in their own language, and thus are unable to help them, be it

RESOLVED that the Empire State Association of the Deaf go on record that the personnel of the Rehabilitation Department, who are to help the deaf, learn the sign language, or that they call in for help and interpretation and advice from the deaf leaders of the community, and it be further

RESOLVED that each Branch of the Empire State Association of the Deaf choose certain members who can and will thus assist and advise the Rehabilitation on call, and further, that each Branch report what they have done in this line to the Empire State Association of the Deaf Secretary, once every three months, to be published in the official organ.

WHEREAS, there is a need for each Branch to have its own local Public Relations Committee for two purposes. The first purpose is to help the public to understand us and our problems. The second purpose is to help the deaf to understand the general public; to create understanding among each other (both hearing and deaf), be it

RESOLVED, that each Branch of the Empire State Association of the Deaf set up its own Public Relations Committee, and that each Branch report what they have done in this respect to the Empire State Association of the Deaf Secretary every quarter, and, further, that if any report was not sent in, it is the duty of the Secretary to follow up.

WHEREAS, the membership of the Empire State Association of the Deaf seldom hears what their Officers and Executive Board are doing between Conventions, be it

RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Empire State Association of the Deaf make a report in the official organ each three months—detailing all actions and activities of the board.

WHEREAS, there are in the State of New York a number of deaf children who are emotionally disturbed, brain

damaged, aphasics or otherwise afflicted, and

WHEREAS, our schools for the deaf are unable to accept these tragic cases as pupils as they neither have the personnel nor the facilities to cope with these problems, and

WHEREAS, experience has shown that given the proper care and surroundings it is possible to educate and rehabilitate many of these unfortunates, and

WHEREAS, as matters now stand, these children must either be kept at home to the grief and heartbreak of their parents or be institutionalized with little or no hope for rehabilitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Empire State Association of the Deaf make every effort to have the State Education Department set up some facility with a competent staff to educate and rehabilitate these children insofar as it is possible to do so.

WHEREAS, it is a well known fact that deaf peddlers cause great harm to the deaf by creating unfavorable ideas in the public opinion and actual hostility against the deaf, be it

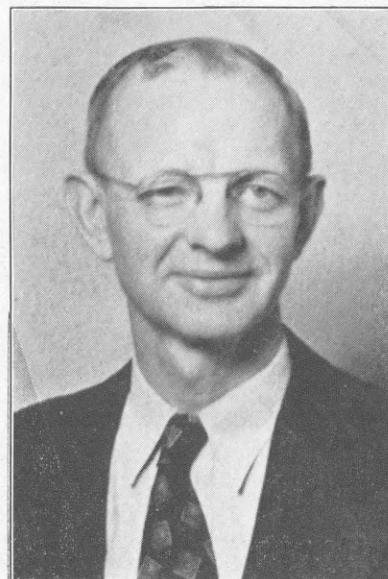
RESOLVED, that the Empire State Association of the Deaf, by all means (publicly, letters to the editor, etc.) and with the help of the National Association of the Deaf combat this evil and work toward the creation of a State-wide law banning such peddlers (modelled after the Wisconsin law).

WHEREAS, the members assembled here are mindful of the efforts made in our behalf, be it

RESOLVED that we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many individuals and organizations for their thoughtfulness and generosity in providing for us splendid assistance and services for this outstanding convention. Particularly, we recommend Mr. Clifford Leach, all members of his excellent staff; our interpreter, Mrs. Frances Flanagan; Mrs. Agnes Padden for her beautiful rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner"; the Binghamton Press; the WNB Radio and TV Station; the Binghamton Sun, the New Sheraton Inn; its management and employees; and the Binghamton Chamber of Commerce. And be it further

RESOLVED that our thanks be extended to the Rev. William Lange, Jr., Missionary to the Deaf of New York State, and the Rev. Robert P. Collins, Rome, New York, for guidance and blessings on our convention. We also thank the following named below for their excellent addresses:

To Mr. John J. Burns, Mayor of Binghamton, New York; Mr. Thomas R. Crawley, Reporter, The Binghamton Press; Dr. David Peikoff, President of the Ontario Association of the Deaf; Mr. Leon Auerbauch, Professor of Mathematics, Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Alfred Hoffmeister, M.Ed., Printer; Instructor, American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Connecticut.



Claude H. Samuelson

President's Message

The Binghamton Convention of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, Inc., has passed into history, but it will be remembered as a most productive and constructive one.

The Empire State Association of the Deaf is embarking on a new era. On July 5, 1960, the ESAD became a co-operating member of the National Association of the Deaf, thus giving us a broader participation in the government of the NAD through direct representatives at NAD conventions. This brings financial responsibilities also; our NAD quota is \$532.50 a year for two years.

At the Binghamton Convention we took a big step forward and subscribed en masse to THE SILENT WORKER for two years' trial. This is the first issue of the E. S. News within THE SILENT WORKER, and we hope that you will like it well enough to wish to receive it each month. Let's broaden our view.

The success of the changes made at the convention all depends on the branches and their members in their acceptance of the increased dues. Work for a larger membership and give your branch full support.

Read the Resolutions passed at the convention and note that it is determined that, hereafter, all the officers and committees will keep the ESAD very active.

If you think we are facing insurmountable obstacles, recall this story:

As the story goes, a truck driver misjudged the height of his van and found himself wedged under an overpass. Sidewalk superintendents soon gathered around with plenty of suggestions, all of them involved and time-consuming.

It was then the inevitable small boy

spoke up. "Mister, maybe if you let some air out of your tires you'd get her going." And, of course, that did it.

Moral: There's somewhere a small end to every big problem. Find it, and follow on from there.

Yours for a greater ESAD,
CLAUDE H. SAMUELSON

With the Ladies at the Convention

Opening day of the 43rd Biennial Convention of the ESAD had the appearance of Ladies' Day with the ladies buzzing around the lobby of the Sheraton Inn and exchanging small talk. The men also seemed to favor the huddle system, for they got together in groups, but we surmise that their talk was mostly politics.

The Local Convention Committee were comfortably ensconced in the hotel lobby, and their broad smiles made us feel welcome. On hand constantly was Mrs. Frances Flanagan who was our official interpreter, and we must say she gave satisfactory service at all times. She handled the reporters with remarkable aplomb.

Mr. Clifford Leach and his hard-working committee really put on a good show. It is not my intention to list events chronologically but touch on the high spots. Had I been forewarned, I would have taken notes.

Mrs. Agnes Padden, who was imported from Washington, D. C., gave a graceful rendition of our national anthem three times, and we would like to listen yet again. Mr. Leon Auerbach, also imported from Washington, D. C., gave an inspiring talk and left us with much food for thought.

Dr. David Peikoff gave us all a shot in the arm as usual. He is one person who seems to thrive on hard work with the best interests of the deaf always foremost in his mind. He was accompanied by his good wife, Polly.

The meetings were well attended and the discussions lively. It was not, however, the first time in history that a minister was the presiding officer. The Rev. Orvis Dantzer claims that honor. With the passing on and the moving to greener pastures of former key men, a new crop of leaders appears on the horizon. We hope they have the same determination to WORK for the survival of the ESAD. The ESAD did itself proud in electing Mr. Claude Samuelson as president. Already he has given his officers work to do. Is the laborer worthy of his hire?

A word about the increase in dues. Everything is going up including wages. Our hearing counterparts are paying higher dues for their clubs. Are we to remain in the dark ages and just drag by? You and you and you can help the ESAD come of age. Make it a golden age for deafdom!

We are still chuckling over the witticisms of Mr. Alfred Hoffmeister who was toastmaster at the banquet Saturday night and who also made the awards to the ladies for collecting

Boosters. Mrs. Lucy KING was chosen QUEEN! Congratulations!

Father Collins was on hand for all meetings and also starred on a half hour quiz show Friday night. His answers were accurate, his signs clear. Mrs. Padden also shone on this show.

There were many distinct personalities that stood out, but to write them all up would take reams of paper. We appreciate them all, for they were all necessary to the success of the convention.

'Twas pleasant to loll in the lap of luxury for a spell, and we sincerely hope that the committee in charge feels amply rewarded for their efforts on our behalf. Our profound thanks to Mr. Clifford Leach and every member of his committee.—Mrs. Isobel Lange.

"HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE DEAF"

By Dr. David Peikoff

President, Ontario Association of the Deaf, an dPresident, Gallaudet College Alumni Association

I like the topic assigned to me tonight. I think it is quite appropriate for this occasion because this is your 43rd biennial get-together, and in another five years you will attain your centennial status. Every time you meet in different cities in one of America's largest commonwealths you are doing a superlative public relations work. Your conventions give the public a chance to size you up and to realize that their deaf neighbors occupy an honorable place in society, that they pay taxes and rear fine families like everybody else. The press has always played up your organization's strong points, and that is something like putting a feather in your hat. With so many rapid changes taking place in life today you would do well to invoke the aid of the newest communication media—radio and television. Like your valuable right-hand friend, The ESAD News, the airwaves and the video outlets should be a big help to your cause in dispelling many public misconceptions regarding deafness and the deaf. In the future as in the past your constant endeavor should be to get the public fully acquainted with down-to-earth problems of the deaf. It should become a major project of every wide-awake organization of the deaf of North America—yours no less.

The unvarying success of your past gatherings has left a solid impression upon the public mind that you lead normal lives not a whit different from your more fortunate brethren. This is a very important gain for your group because, whether you realize it or not, your schools are being judged by the character of their graduates. Our taxpayers are human. They shudder to see their hard-earned money misspent so when in your daily lives you exude the air of successful citizens you become

at once walking testimonies that public-supported schools have justified their existence.

In no other part of the world do the adult deaf enjoy such a high standard of life as do the American deaf. Europe pioneered in the novel task of educating the deaf, yet America, though starting in the same field one hundred years later, has outstripped the rest of the world. What is the secret of this success which sees the deaf of North America enjoying the best of education, the highest wages in industry, occupying positions of responsibility in professions, ownership of homes, cars, and property of all kinds? In North America the adult deaf are not afraid to undertake anything however difficult where hearing is not essential.

The secret, as we all know, is due to the common-sense approach in classroom education. In America true educators are all agreed that what every deaf child needs above everything else is a strong language foundation. It may be acquired through exclusive oralism if the individual is adaptable to this approach, but in most cases all deaf children profit best and most where all tools of education are used advantageously. This is what is called the Combined System. It spells total effort for a total education and a complete personality. It is the key which opens the doors to colleges and universities for bright deaf children. It does not sacrifice speech and lipreading which occupy a prominent place in our system, but other equally useful tools are augmented to oral tools. No one can miss anything here. Progress is more rapid, horizons of knowledge are pushed back as interest, once aroused, is maintained at a merry clip. The children are happy in overcoming mental handicaps, and happy students are victory-bound.

Facts such as outlined in the foregoing paragraph are not always given to the public. Oral zealots cannot resist the temptation of playing up their exceptional students and mislead feature writers into believing that what is possible with the spectacular few oral luminaries is possible with all. This in turn influences masters of education to fashion policies which are often inimical to educational progress for the majority of deaf students. That is why there is always a big need for a strong organization to watch out for harmful trends and to arrest them. This is the most important job for any organization to handle because education can make or unmake the deaf. The deaf of Europe are not independent. They do not earn half as much as we do. They are run by hearing people. Dependence is their lot in almost every way because European schools do not provide a liberal education to give their deaf graduates confidence in their ability to win the unequal battles of life.

The Combined System is our most priceless heritage. It must never be destroyed. So long as the majority of

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our schools in North America fly the banner of the Combined System, Gallaudet College will always be safe and the future of the North American deaf will always be bright and happy. But we must exercise eternal vigilance. Remember what has happened to Rome and Athens which once were by turns mistresses of the world. What a heavy price they paid for their downfall for being too self-complacent and indifferent to the need for eternal vigilance!

What can the adult deaf of America do to keep the esteem of the world—something which they have built through countless generations of hard work and loyal support? They must remember that no one knows the problems of deafness like the deaf do. They are the voice of experience. They should be opportunely vocal at all times. The public needs to be reminded of such facts. Public opinion will side with us if we can present a powerful case every time.

Graduates of schools of hard knocks themselves, the adult deaf often view with dismay the efforts of our schools to invest in expensive hearing aid equipment which does not confer half as much benefits upon the pupils as more modern vocational equipment—offset printing machinery, for instance. Your organizations should never relax for one moment in stressing to the public that deaf persons have two inalienable allegiances: to the hearing world and to their own silent world. The deaf are undeniably happier socially among themselves. They usually put in their penny's worth in the labor market where they are outnumbered by their hearing companions. Mastery of language is a prerequisite to the successful intermingling of the deaf with the hearing people. If their command of English is weak, the oral skills of the deaf are of little worth. Hence the accent should be on a strong language foundation. Experience shows us that on this important point we can realize the desired language goal only through a wise blending of all tools convenient for the deaf pupils to utilize.

If our state legislatures can be convinced of this fact, they will in turn settle upon an educational policy which will safeguard the Combined System. Who can educate our lawmakers more effectively than your own organization?

But very often your leaders grope blindly along for lack of the necessary information. Here is where the National Association of the Deaf enters into your picture. It possesses unrivaled research facilities and data to fit your every need. Its bureau should be tapped oftener. Its help should be sought at all times, for you are a co-operating member of the National Association of the Deaf.

At the Dallas convention this past summer a path was opened whereby state associations now have a more powerful voice in the administration of our 80-year-old national body. We now have it in our power to make the NAD increasingly useful to state organizations. All that needs to be done now is for more capable leaders of the deaf in state organizations to show greater interest in the problems of the deaf and wade in to help their fellowmen. They should throw their whole weight to this cause. And there should be a more extensive response from the grassroots to support the NAD.

Again at the historic Dallas convention a budget was drawn up indicating the amount necessary for the NAD to operate efficiently, and distributing financial burdens among all state associations. The successful outcome of this new and bold experiment is now up to state associations such as the ESAD. There is no question that the NAD can become the best friend the ESAD can ever find if it takes up public relations work on a national scale. Many untruths that find their way into print should be attacked on the spot. The NAD can and should do that. There are also many state problems which the NAD can help by staying in the background and supplying vital information or directing its campaigns. There is a great need for a close liaison between state associations and the NAD in the future. When and if this is accomplished, the cause of the American deaf is safe and enduring.

Finally through this happy state-national partnership you will realize your long-cherished dream of helping the public to understand and appreciate the efforts of the deaf to win a place in the sun as happy and useful citizens.

Report of the Mental Health Project Committee

Honorable President, Friends and Fellow Members of the Empire State Association of the Deaf:

As Chairman of the Mental Health Committee I regret my inability to be with my many friends in Binghamton to deliver my report in person. I am sure that whoever is chosen to read this paper will do a good job of it.

Members will recall that the Syracuse Convention in 1958 adopted resolutions in support of the New York State Mental Health Project for the Literate Deaf under the direction of

Dr. Franz J. Kallmann. You are aware that this project is on a year to year basis, depending on federal and state grants for support. It is not enough that the staff must submit annual reports to justify its continuance. It must also have the support of the deaf of the state. To this end your committee sent out numerous letters to clubs, Fraternal divisions, civic associations, and the like asking for resolutions in support of the stand of the ESAD. Twenty clubs responded to our request, and we forwarded their letters to Dr. Paul Hoch, New York State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, to show our support of this most worthy undertaking. These letters of endorsement, together with the resolutions adopted at the Syracuse Convention and the statewide conference held in New York City on June 14, 1958, which was attended by several officers of the ESAD, served notice to the state that the deaf are solidly behind the project. I am pleased to announce that funds were appropriated for two more years, to carry the project to November 30, 1961. There is no doubt that our efforts were instrumental in having this work continued. Nevertheless, this is not an occasion to rest on our oars. We must be ready again when the occasion requires, and toward that end your chairman expects some time this fall to seek a meeting with Commissioner Hoch so that he may be further reminded of the position of the ESAD.

Now there is another important task that has come our way and to which we are giving our whole-hearted support. The ESAD is again taking the lead in a most important undertaking. Perhaps some of you have heard of the case of Little Linda Downs, the six-year-old deaf child of deaf parents living on Long Island. Little Linda's parents have tried to get her admitted to several schools, but she has been refused admission. She is not a mental defective. Tests have shown that she has quite normal intelligence. But the little girl is in a disturbed state of mind, so much so that she is a behavior problem and no school can cope with her. Her story has been told by Mr. Emerson Romero in the June number of *THE SILENT WORKER*.

Friends of the child's parents have been trying to get the state to assume its obligation to educate this deaf child and others like her, of whom there are quite a few. Mr. Romero, Dr. Edna S. Levine, and Dr. Marcus L. Kenner have contacted Dr. Anthony J. Pelone, Chief of the Bureau of Handicapped Children of the State Education Department. Dr. Pelone is sympathetic but helpless as there is no school for the deaf in the state that can properly educate Linda.

Your chairman was aware of the efforts of these people but did not offer the help of the ESAD until it was asked. Now it has been asked, and after a letter to Past President Darwin H. Culver, we stepped in. In the name of the ESAD, we contacted Dr. Pelone and requested a conference. Dr. Pelone

has graciously agreed to see us, and we expect this conference to take place some time in September.

Besides Dr. Pelone, Mr. Romero, Dr. Levine, and Dr. Kenner, Miss Genevieve Ryan of the St. Joseph's School and Dr. Clarence D. O'Connor of the Lexington School have said they will attend. Dr. Daniel T. Cloud of the Fanwood School is away on vacation, but we will contact him when he returns.

Your chairman does not wish to be prematurely optimistic, but we feel that the groundwork has been laid, that we have the support we need, and in due time our state will again pioneer a most worthy undertaking in the field of mental facilities for the deaf. We will keep our members informed through the pages of *The Empire State News*.

Since the Mental Health Project requires our continued interest and support, and since we are just embarking on a monumental new undertaking, your chairman hopes that the new administration elected in Binghamton and the members of the ESAD will see fit to have him continue as head of this important committee. We would be glad to have with us again the same members who rendered such splendid assistance when called on, help which he deeply appreciates. Unfortunately a valued member of our committee, Mr. Robert Mayershofer, has passed on. We will need another to take his place.

Again, your chairman wishes to express his appreciation of the help given him by his committee members and by the officers of the ESAD. We appreciate also the loyalty and good will shown us by all ESAD members which was so evident in our correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

Max Friedman, Chairman

NEW ENGLAND . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jacobs and their four children were recent Sunday visitors in Concord, New Hampshire.

The Bill Hoagues, formerly of Barre, Vermont, but now of California, are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter, Sandy Dee.

Sally Dow was in New York City recently visiting Mary Roosa, a former supervisor at the Austine School.

Jean Randall, of Seabrook, New Hampshire, and a 1960 graduate of Austine, is now enrolled at the American School for the Deaf, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hammond are temporarily making their home in Eliot, Maine.

February 11-12 are the dates of the winter social at the Austine School. The 25th anniversary banquet will also be held there on June 17, 1961.



The Legal Column

By Lowell J. Myers

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Human Nature

A lawyer who practices law gets to see a cross-section of human nature. There are many different types of individuals, and often it's rather interesting to watch how they act.

For example, recently a woman came to see me about a divorce. She was what I call the "full story" type. She came in and sat down and said: "Mr. Myers, I want to ask you about a divorce." "All right," I said, "I'll be glad to advise you." "Before I ask you about the divorce," she said, "I want to tell you the FULL STORY."

It seems that this woman had been married for over 20 years. She started at the very beginning and told me how she had happened to meet her husband. Then she told me how she came to marry him. Then she told me in great detail every quarrel that they had over the past 20 years. She described each of their children and what had happened to them. She talked about her religious background, about her own relatives, about her husband's relatives, about their friends, about their home, about their jobs, and about every possible detail connected with her life over the past 20 years.

She talked and she talked and she talked! Occasionally, I tried to get her to come around to talking about the divorce. But every time I did that, she would say: "But how can I talk about the divorce, when you still don't know the FULL STORY yet?" On and on she went. What a list of troubles! Finally, I just sat back and let her talk herself out. Eventually, her story came to an end. Then I asked her: "Do you want a divorce?"

"Well," she said, "I really don't know. I had better think it over some more." Off she went, nothing decided. I had hardly said a word. It was obvious that she did not really want advice and she did not want a divorce. She just wanted a sympathetic listener.

At the opposite extreme is a person who tells nothing at all, not even the most vital facts. For example, there was a young fellow who came over and said: "I've got a traffic ticket. I

want you to handle it for me."

"What's it all about?" I asked.

"Just a traffic ticket." He replied.

"Only one traffic ticket?" I asked him.

"Well, actually there are three of them."

"Have you had any traffic tickets previously this year?"

"Maybe a few."

"How many?"

"Maybe half a dozen."

"What were they for?"

"Nothing serious."

"Exactly what were they for?"

"Just for speeding and drunken driving."

"How many did you have the year before?"

"Just a few I guess."

"How many?"

"Maybe 10 or 12."

Getting information out of this fellow was like pulling teeth. Slowly, the facts came out. He had a criminal record: six months in county jail, a long list of convictions, broken probation, and other things.

"Why didn't you tell me about all this?" I asked him.

"You didn't ask me." he replied.

Apparently, he thought I was a mindreader!

Then there is the type of person who I call the "complainier." He complains about everything. Nothing is ever satisfactory to him. He is perpetually malcontent.

He has a problem and comes for advice. I explain the different courses of action that are open to him and the advantages and disadvantages of each course of action. He is not satisfied, of course. He wants a course of action that is all advantages and no disadvantages. I explain to him that there is no such course of action. If there was one, then there would be no problem at all, and he would not have to come to me in the first place.

But to reason with this kind of man is a waste of time. He is so used to finding fault that it is a permanent habit with him. He is perpetually frustrated. He is not happy with the world, with the people in the world, or with anything. He has a complaint

for everything. All that you can do with a person of that type is to avoid him.

Next we come to what I call the "amateur lawyer." He does not come to get legal advice. He comes to give it to me! He thinks he knows the law. When I ask him where he got his tremendous legal knowledge, he says that he got it from his brother-in-law who is a bartender, or he got it from his barber, or from his boss, or from reading a magazine article.

I generally point out to him that his boss and his bartender are not lawyers. Magazine writers are not lawyers. Moreover, only a trained lawyer can apply general legal principles to any specific case. Abstract legal principles can be very misleading because it is the proper application of those principles to a particular case that is important.

But, of course, he will not believe that. He is egotistical and "knows it all." He is usually wrong nine times out of ten but does not want to find that out. He pictures himself as a man of infinite wisdom, and he does not want anybody to puncture that great image that he has of himself.

If he has come to me for professional advice, it is my duty as a lawyer to give him accurate information, and I am obliged to do so. But, of course, he never believes me. Instead, he goes back to the barber shop and asks the barber, who tells him exactly what he wants to hear.

All that you can do with this type of fellow is to give him accurate advice and then let him do what he wants. When he finally succeeds in getting himself into serious trouble, he will come back for help. When that happens, I often take great pleasure in charging him double what I have charged anyone else.

Another common type of client is the "timid" man. He comes into the office with a good case in his favor. I advise him to take action to protect his rights. "Oh, no," he says, "I don't want to do that. Someone might not like it." This type of client is filled with vague fears. He is afraid of something, but he doesn't know exactly what it is. As a matter of fact, he is afraid of practically everything. He is afraid to sit by and do nothing, and at the same time he is afraid to do anything constructive. His favorite expression is: "Let's wait and see what happens."

He usually waits so long that by the time he has finally decided to do something it is then too late to do anything.

This kind of person has to be constantly encouraged and reassured. If he finally does file a suit, then at the slightest opposition he is willing to drop the case and give it up.



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Swinging 'round the nation



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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY . . .

On October 1 the weather was perfect for those who observed Yom Kippur by making it the time of their annual meeting at Central Park Zoo with families and friends.

The Bruce Street School for the Deaf held its 50th anniversary banquet at the Hotel Essex in Newark, New Jersey, October 8. The gala event was attended by some 300, including former students, teachers, and notable speakers. One of the speakers was David Litter, father of Florence Ohringer, chairman of the Merry-Go-Rounders Club.

The captioned film "Military Academy" was shown at the Union League's "movie night" October 15 and "Fuller Brush Girl" on November 5, with "Song of India" scheduled for November 19. We hope you remembered the dates and that you will watch for coming attractions.

The Sisterhood of the Hebrew Association of the Deaf sponsored a gala Autumn Festival the other Saturday at the new Congregation B'nai Jeshurun Community Center on West 89th Street between Broadway and West End Avenue. The event attracted quite a large gathering to enjoy games and dancing throughout the evening, and many won prizes. The group plans a Theatrical Show at the same place December 10 and try not to miss it!

Around 90 deaf ladies attended the Ruth Kurzon Luncheon October 22 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel along with several hundred hearing women. Harry Hershfield and Alan King, English comedian, were amongst the speakers. Winning beautiful prizes were five of our deaf ladies: Dorothy Pakula, Fannie Miller, Estelle Worthman, Alice Soll, and Florence Grossinger.

The Northern Valley Club's eerie Halloween Night October 29 was a most successful affair. Those attending had to walk through a "Horror Path" back of the American Legion Clubhouse, and prizes were awarded for the most unusual costumes and in games which took up most of the evening. Refreshments were served, and

everyone is looking forward to the next gathering of the club at the same location December 3.

Manny and Lenore Golden boomed into the town of Boston for a weekend recently, visiting the Lilienthals. They saw Harvard, Brandeis, MIT and also visited Plymouth Rock and the replica of the Mayflower II. They also found time to visit the Rhode Island School for the Deaf in Providence.

William and Dorothy Pakula spent a very pleasant two-week vacation visiting Haiti, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico and mingling with the natives. The trip was made by plane.

George and Jean Bedford and their two daughters spent more than two weeks visiting with the Irving Goldsteins at Nantucket, Massachusetts, not long ago; Michael and Hazel Davinger spent five wonderful weeks in far-away Scotland the past summer visiting Hazel's relatives. They also visited various places in England and Ireland before returning home; Minnie Michel, Fay Cohen, and Ray Beer report the most glorious of all vacations when they visited Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands during October.

New Yorkers will miss Bernard Rothenberg! Bernard left in late October for California, visiting various states enroute, in search of new horizons.

Mrs. Eva Auerbach, mother of Sally, Leon, and Bertram, passed away October 18, and Sally Yeager, beloved wife of Harold, died of cancer in October. Death took Ruth Heine, wife of David and mother of a baby girl, October 15. We sympathize with the bereaved families.

It is not too late to record the happy event of last July 31 when Al and Peggy Hlibok welcomed a bouncing baby boy, Bruce Michael! On the infanticipating list right now are Cole and Susan Zulauf and Al and Lillian Berke.

Dr. Marcus Kenner and Mrs. Yvonne Pescia will be Dr. and Mrs. Kenner come Thanksgiving. Mazel Tov!

Inga Norrberg was presented with a beautiful engagement ring by Richard Ammon in October.

OREGON . . .

Ann Marie Homenyk and Robert Amundsen recently announced their engagement, and a February wedding is planned. Ann is a 1959 graduate of the Oregon School, and Robert graduated from the Washington School in 1956. Presently employed at the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co. in Eugene, Robert leaves soon for Vancouver where he will attend training school at Clarke Junior College taking a several-month course in linotype operating and printing.

The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thom of Albany—Valerie, a freshman, and Merilee, a senior—were chosen princesses at the 1960 homecoming at Albany Senior High School. Valerie is also yell leader for the freshman class, and Merilee is a member of the varsity yell squad and also a past Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow Girls. The attractive sisters made history when chosen to be the first sisters on the same homecoming court. Their mother is the former Marie Connelly of Montana, and their father attended the Irving School at Spokane and was graduated from Washington State University in 1942. Mr. Thom is an accountant and now serves as assistant finance officer for Region I of the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Clarice Petrick and one of her girl friends came down from Spokane recently to spend a night with the Bea-mas en route to California. Both hope to find jobs in either San Francisco or Oakland.

The Jack Owens family of Springfield were rather crowded not long ago when relatives from Arkansas descended upon them en masse for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Johanson of Gold Hill announce the arrival of a fifth child, David, born September 22.

Remember we told you Fay Teare bagged a deer last year? Well, he got another one this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stokes and their four children have come to live in Eugene from Oklahoma, and folks hereabouts are happy to have them. Mrs. Stokes, nee Wandeau Snowden, attended the Oregon School in 1942.

Marjorie Weber, Billie McKnight, and Mabel Wood entertained at a baby shower for Jean (Mrs. Wayne) Schaffer the end of the summer, and a baby daughter arrived at the home of the Schaffers in October, making it three daughters now.

Cheryl Karen Fleck, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, arrived to gladden the Ray Fleck home during the past summer. This brings their family to four, including two-year-old Steve.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lange were very much astonished when the Tom Bergs of Washington, D. C., appeared at their door last August. They were visiting Mrs. Berg's folks in Idaho and decided to extend their tour to include Salem to see Tom's brother, Dr. Fred Berg, who teaches at the Oregon School. Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Lange were classmates at Gallaudet.

The Salem Chapter of the OAD enjoyed card games and a social September 18 with Mr. and Mrs. Chester LaFave at the helm. No business meeting was held since no one seemed to have anything special to propose. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brickley and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moxley.

In August, Dr. LeRoy Hewlett winged southward to San Diego, California, where he says he had the time of his life taking in the doings at the California Association of the Deaf convention. (San Diego take note—News Editor.)

Betty Witczak and three children came up from Riverside, California, during the past summer to spend two weeks with her folks in Portland and

Salem. Betty's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wood of Portland, and Estella Lange is her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ulmer invited all the Gallaudetians living in or near Salem to their home the evening of October 4 to meet their guest, Mr. Tom Dillon, principal of the New Mexico School at Santa Fe.

Portland-Salem-Eugene deaf Lutherans enjoyed a joint pot-luck dinner (or rather a picnic!) at Silver Creek Falls September 13 where all of them were introduced to the new vicar and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Harnack of Indiana. Mr. Harnack has come to help Reverend Ring.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the GCAA gathered for their business meeting November 12 at Hope Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Portland. The chapter intends to donate a copy of the biography of Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet to the Oregon State College of Education and to Lewis-Clark College. It is hoped that the book will interest young people in the field of deaf education. An election of officers ensued with the following nominated: President, Estella Lange; vice president, Norma Tuccinardi; secretary-treasurer, Thomas Wood; and liaison officer, Dewey Deer. Jean Stokesbarry was elected entertainment chairman for the next gathering, and the meeting then adjourned to enjoy a 45-minute showing of the film "Hamlet." Added to the roster of members were four young Gallaudetians: Carol Bender, Ralph Moers, Dixie Farnsworth, and Jackie Quiring.

NEBRASKA . . .

Dick Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed of Lincoln, is now teaching at the school for the deaf in Rochester, New York. The Reeds have their own apartment for the first time since their marriage, and Dick's wife is not working this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Treuke and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mullins surprised Mrs. Stacia Cody in August by stopping in for a visit with her in Tacoma, Washington. The Treukes and the Mullinses toured Utah, Idaho, and Oregon on their way to San Francisco. Mrs. Bessie Lewis Pecht Seth of Ellensburg, Washington, also visited Stacia for three days. Bessie Seth was formerly a pupil at the Nebraska School for the Deaf as was her husband.

Ben and Bernice Kuster are now residing at 600 North 27th Street, two blocks from Maude and John Burlews' home. The Kusters would enjoy visits from the deaf of Lincoln.

Sister M. Floretta (nee Lenora Mann) of St. Francis, Wisconsin, a former student at NSD, was in Columbus and Genoa, Nebraska, to visit relatives and from there went to Ashton, Iowa, to visit her sister, Helen Seivert, August 18-21. Nell and Scott Cuscaden of Omaha drove to Columbus for a visit with her because Scott was a classmate of hers.

Jim and Dot Wiegand drove to Colorado for a visit with Dot's sister, Gladys Benzing, and her two sons on September 23. Saturday they picked up Mrs. Dorothy Perl Hoza and three of her children at the bus depot and took



Roberta Travis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Travis of Gustine, California, was married to Mr. Glenn Dodge of Eugene, Oregon, August 14. Roberta will complete her fall term at Oregon State College at Corvallis, Oregon, for her degree and then join her husband in Florida where he, a second lieutenant, is stationed at Pensacola. Roberta's mother, nee Virginia Stack, is a graduate of the Oregon State School for the Deaf and her father, Robert, a product of the Washington State School. Both attended Gallaudet College.

them to the Third Annual Bowling Tournament of the Deaf sponsored by the Silent Athletic Club of Denver. They stayed overnight at the home of Howard Andress, a former Nebraskan.

Angus Begun is a new deaf bookbinder at the Nebraska Farmer Co., having started there September 16. He had worked in Ord, Nebraska, for several months, but his hometown was LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

The Del Boeses, Roger Fullers, and Del Meyers, with Shirley Meyer's father, went to Ainsworth, Nebraska, for a two-day duck hunting trip October 8-9.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith and their two sons enjoyed a brief visit with the Raymond Hoza family in Canon City, Colorado, during their vacation.

Fannie Lindberg is now working for the Nottfier Corporation which makes fire alarms and similar articles. Mrs. Bruce Smith has been working for this company for over a year now and was given an award pin upon the completion of one year of employment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burlew were guests of honor at an open house on September 18 at the Havelock YWCA hall the day before they officially celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Scott Cuscaden of Omaha, Mrs. Stacia Cody of Lincoln, and Miss Mary Smhra of Milligan, Nebraska, served the cake and other refreshments, and after a fast start they began slicing the cake thinner to make it serve the nearly 150 persons who showed up to wish the couple well. Mrs. Herbert Deurmyer, Mrs. Berton Leavitt, Mrs.

Bill Sabin, Miss Emma Marshall, and Mrs. Robert Lindberg assisted with hostess duties. The Burlews received quite a number of nice gifts, including a nice sum of money from their friends.

Mrs. Otto Gross underwent an operation late in September, and she has been missed at recent activities, including the "Birthday Club" held at the home of Gene Cook in Gretna on September 24 at which she was to have been the guest of honor. The husbands of the women attended the party for a change, and everyone enjoyed seeing slides and movies of the vacation trips of Vera Kahler and the Don Collamore family, the Delbert Boeses, and the Berton Leavitts.

Diana Whitney of Fullerton was married to Bruce Neujahr, son of Hans Neujahr of Omaha, on October 2 at the First Methodist Church at Fullerton, Nebraska. The couple will make their home in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor of Frankfort, Kansas, stopped at Mrs. Stacia Cody's on September 19 on their way to Ashton, Iowa, and stayed overnight on September 27 on their way home. Mr. and Mrs. Berton Leavitt were also guests of Mrs. Cody's at dinner that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cuscaden and Nick Petersen were in Lincoln October 1. The men attended the Nebraska-Iowa football game on tickets given them by Superintendent Thompson of NSD while Mrs. Cuscaden visited the John Burlews.

Rudy Chermok has been working for several months now with the Sack Cabinet Co. as a cabinet worker.

Robert Lindberg after sixteen years of bowling finally entered the charmed circle of "600" bowlers with a 616 in the Cosmopolitan League on October 13 at Hollywood. The team of deaf bowlers for McDonald's Appliance Store of Avoca has not been very successful to date.

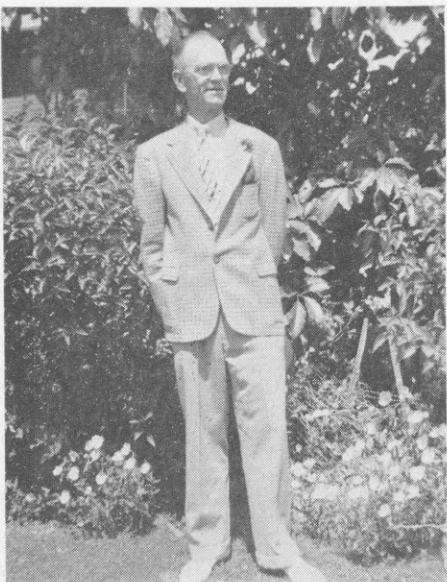
CALIFORNIA . . .

Mrs. Dennis LeBrock of Los Angeles spent part of the early summer visiting in Indiana, and, though it may be a bit late, we feel her trip deserves some mention herein since she went back to see two of her children graduate from high school. Her son has since entered the U. S. Naval School at Newport, Rhode Island, and her youngest daughter is now taking a teaching course at the Indiana State Teachers College. Her oldest boy is an Air Force staff sergeant at Manchester, New Hampshire. Mrs. LeBrock greatly enjoyed her visit with her married son and his wife and her two cute grandchildren as well as other relatives and friends over a period of seven weeks.

Mrs. Mary Mitchelson of East Los Angeles, whose husband, Douglas, passed away May 6, also visited in Indiana during the summer, staying with her daughter and other relatives as well as several deaf friends.

Bill and Bunny White of Bakersfield are now making their home up in Sacramento where Bill has been transferred. He is working for the State Printing Office now.

With time running out, the Ingle-



Douglas E. Mitchelson of Los Angeles passed away May 6, 1960, following a long illness. His death, at age 79, was attributed to massive internal hemorrhage. Douglas was born in London, England, June 13, 1881, and came to Chicago, Illinois, when he was 16, enrolling at the School for the Deaf at Jacksonville. A painter by trade, Douglas retired in 1958 after 48 years of work. He was a member of the Pilgrim Lutheran Church of Los Angeles. His first wife, Sadie Mayfield Mitchelson, mother of his three children, passed away in January, of 1951, and he later was married again to Mary Hunt who survives him, in addition to his son Joe and daughters Mary and Florence, twelve grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Burial services were conducted at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Los Angeles.

wood Club is working hard to raise the necessary funds to put the 1961 FAAD Basketball Tournament across, and the committee drew a good crowd November 5 when they showed two of Lynton Rider's movie films featuring all-deaf casts. Additional fund-raising projects are on the agenda for the next few months, and all are urged to rally 'round and give the Inglewood people a big assist.

The annual election of officers by the East Bay Club of the Deaf (Oakland) took place recently, and results were: Louis Frezza, president; Numer Pike, vice president; Lyle McIntyre, treasurer; Cecil Akers, financial secretary; Don Ponsetti, house manager; Maurice Otterbeck and James Barton, auditors; and Elbert Dowling, Gilmer Lentz, John Barlow, and Larry Silveria, board members. The secretary will be elected later.

A group of friends gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Burns up in Oakland October 14 to surprise Dr. and Mrs. Tom L. Anderson on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary. They received a gift from the group, and Effie was also thrilled by Tom's gift to her . . . a stunning white Falcon! (That's a car—not a bird!)

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cope of Los Angeles were surprised with a party October 9 commemorating their silver wedding anniversary. Party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Baldwin in El Monte, and friends gathered from all over the southland to compliment Paul and his wife and wish them all happiness.

Dear friend Emmette Simpson of Napa writes that the San Jose CAD convention has been scheduled for August 30-September 2, 1962, and that the co-chairmen will be Wendell Wildmon and Charles Hitschew.

The CAD play on October 22 was a complete success, and a packed house at the Berkeley Little Theatre was thrilled by the three-act play, "Strange Doings in a Castle," under the expert direction of Sheldon MacArtor. Our congratulations to the director and the cast on their skillful performance. Members of the cast included Emil Ladner, Betty Lependorf, Elmarie Barlow, Victor Galloway, Joe Velez, Don Ingraham, Julian Singleton, Joanne Kovach, and Donald Herman. On the production staff were Warren Jones, Gertie Galloway, Harold Ramger, Ralph Jordan, Albert Ingraham, Francis Roberts, and Bert Lependorf. In fact, the event turned out to be so successful that the folks around the East Bay are already talking about staging another.

MISSOURI . . .

Vernon Snyder went to Los Angeles sometime in August to visit his mother and daughter for a week. The trip was made by TWA jet plane. Mrs. Snyder went along with her son and family, of Chicago, on a tour of the Black Hills, Yellowstone Park, and Grand Teton Park. Before she returned home, her son received a notice of his transfer back to Kansas City from Chicago, and Mrs. Snyder thought it was the best news.

Toney Oswald spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Lynda Butcher, and family, in Kansas City. Toney has been staying at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bolling and daughter of Kansas City, North, went to Enid, Oklahoma, in September to visit Mrs. Bertha Santo. Mrs. Santo reported she had a visit from Mrs. Ray Mille of Wichita not long ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hyde, Georgetta Graybill, and Erlene Graybill went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, on September 17 and then to Sioux City, Iowa, on October 19th to participate in a singles bowling tourney. Erlene also went to Denver on September 26. She won first place both in Denver and Council Bluffs.

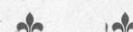
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October 1, Missouri won, 25 to 7. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jeffries were among the fans and visitors there who witnessed the crowning of the queen, their daughter, Joanne Jeffries, a senior at the Missouri School.

Vernon Jones was elected 1961 president of the Mid-West Lutheran Conference of Church Lay Workers and Pastors at the convention held on the week-end of September 27 in Kansas City at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wingfield's eldest son Ted enlisted in the U. S. Marines on July 29 and is in San Diego for boot training. He will finish his course very soon and will be transferred.

Wava Hambel's son Jon, 17, enlisted in the Navy on September 16. He flew to San Diego with his group for ten weeks of boot training.

August Weber, Jr., spent his week's vacation in Texas and made a stop at Austin to see his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr, and then he visited the Alamo and other points of interest with his pal, C. Brookes.

Mrs. Harold Price spent three days as a patient in St. Mary's Hospital in October. She underwent a minor operation.

Larry, son of the Clarence Morgans, enlisted in the U. S. Marines on September 6 and also reported to San Diego.

Officers of the Olathe Club for the Deaf for 1960-61 are: Leslie Barker, president; Rosalie Wingfield, vice president; Mary Ross, secretary; and Thaine Ayers, treasurer.

A welcome reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maxwell (nee Sally Harran) of La Porte, Indiana, was held

at the Kansas School for the Deaf Student Center on October 9. Nelly Nerhus and Catherine Kilcoyne were hostesses. There was a "wishing well" at the party for cash gifts to be given to the Maxwells. Mr. Maxwell is one of KSD's popular teachers. The Maxwells were married June 11. The committee tried to take the Maxwells to the party in pretense of a tupperware party, but Joe went home to watch the World Series on TV. About half an hour later the committee went to his apartment to tell him that his wife had sprained her ankle. He quickly went to the center and found a surprise for himself as well as for his wife.

Nelly Nerhus' sister Ingeberg moved to Olathe from Billings, Montana, to live with her and obtained an office job with AMA in Kansas City.

Some friends from the Greater Kansas City area bagged deer and elk in Colorado after the hunting season opened: Joe Snyder, Bob Hambel, and Lyle Mortensen went on October 17 and brought back two deer each. Buford Ditzler, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Johnson left Kansas City on October 13 and stayed in the Fort Collins area about 10 days. They brought home quite a few deer.

Billy Klingensmith won first prize for the best costume at the Halloween party in the KCCD Hall on October 29. It was reported both the KCCD and the Frat and Aux-Frads had nice crowds at their parties.

Johnny, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Krpan, enrolled in the Missouri School for the Deaf on October 1. He was happy to join his brother Mike, but his parents are lost without him.

KANSAS . . .

Leo Benedet, Pittsburg, suffered two light heart attacks not long ago. His doctor put him on a diet. He is doing well at present.

C. L. Nanney, Newton, became ill during his visit with his daughter at Albuquerque, New Mexico, the third week of September. Mr. and Mrs. Nanney hurried back to Newton to see his doctor. The diagnosis revealed a light heart attack. For a while he was in a hospital for treatment. He is somewhat better but has to keep quiet at home and is not allowed to drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown, New Cambria, reported a most enjoyable eight-day trip East the early part of October. They visited the Bridal Cave, near Camdenton, Missouri. They then visited Knoxville, Tennessee, and saw the school for the deaf with John Ringle, dean of boys, as their host. They spent five days with her sister, Mrs. Helen Mason at Oak Ridge. Her sister, the librarian in the National Laboratory, showed them through the building. Then they visited the Great Smoky Mountains, Norris Dam, Gatlinburg (famous for its restaurants), and the Cumberland Mountains. They drove through North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri back to Kansas.

Alex Parrish, a former Kansas student, passed away of cancer at a hospital at Los Angeles October 9. He had been a Los Angeles resident about 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lena Gruber Parrish. Her address is 7819 Normandie, Los Angeles 44, California. She will appreciate cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dillman became grandparents for the second time within a month when a baby girl was born to their third daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Darl Brown (nee Shirley Dillman) the second week of October. The Dillmans now have three granddaughters and three grandsons.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wood (nee Georgiana Herrman Brown), Wichita, had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaunce of Kansas City, Kansas, the weekend of October 14. Evening guests were the Edward McGuires, the Earl Nyquists, the Wilmer Thomases, and Mrs. Fern Foltz.

Misses Rae and Willa Field, Wichita, attended the funeral of their brother-in-law at Goltry, Oklahoma, October 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coll's son, Alan, has completed a three-year assignment of sea duty. Alan is a corporal in the Marines and is stationed at the Marine Air Force Base in Memphis, Tennessee. He recently spent his 30-day leave with his parents in Olathe.

Mrs. Larry Stewart, nee Shirley Hanranhan, a recent graduate of Gallaudet College, is a substitute physical education instructor in the Illinois School for the Deaf and will serve until January, 1961. Her husband is a faculty member of the school.

Stanley D. Roth, superintendent of the Kansas School, was awarded an honorary membership in the National Association of the Deaf in recognition of his services in behalf of the deaf. He received the honor at the recent

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convention of the association at Dallas. A Wichita student in the Kansas School, Sally Hottle, was crowned 1960 football queen before the game with Tonganoxie the night of September 23. She was presented a bouquet of American Beauty roses by Richard Helmuth, captain, and led to the throne where she reigned throughout the game. At the party after the game Sally's father, Victor Hottle, placed a necklace around her neck.

The Sunflower Doll Club of Wichita held an antique doll benefit on October 23. Many china and bisque dolls, many made in Germany, France, and other countries, were displayed. Some of the dolls were very old and dressed in the styles of the 1800's and early 1900's. All the proceeds of the show went to the deaf children of the Kansas School.

On October 19, a group of deaf people were present in an audience at a Wichita public school when John Anderson, Republican candidate for governor of Kansas, gave a short talk and answered questions. Mrs. Faye Kauffman Batson interpreted the talk for the deaf present. Coffee and miniature doughnuts were served prior to Mr. Anderson's talk.

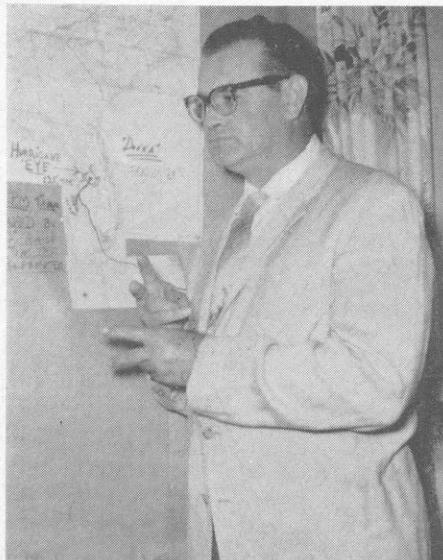
Miss Laura Crabb, San Jose, California, and her brother, Danny, arrived in Wichita by car October 19 to visit their sister, Mrs. George Ruby (Karen Crabb) and brother, Jerry Crabb, and their families. Danny returned home without her. She flew home October 28.

The Wichita Social Services for the Deaf is sponsoring a sixteen-week course in adult education for the Wichita deaf at the Riverside Christian church. The project began on September 15. The first hour is given to reading and written English, individual assistance with written work, and vocabulary improvement. During this hour, students are required to use the manual alphabet only but are allowed to use signs in the second hour of class. The second hour consists of discussion on a variety of topics—budgeting, insurance, stocks and bonds, labor unions, financial contracts, and other subjects. Nine people are enrolled in the classes.

Rev. Robert L. Smith of St. Louis called on Roger Falberg, executive secretary, in his office recently to introduce himself. He has been in Wichita nine months with St. Mary's Cathedral. Rev. Smith wishes to begin working with deaf people who are of the Roman Catholic faith. He knows the sign language as he worked with the deaf in St. Louis.

Mrs. Ivan Curtis, nee May Koehn, of Washington, D. C., arrived in Wichita October 26 to be the guest of her brother, Otis Koehn, and family. She had been at Montezuma visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Koehn, and other relatives. She left for Olathe October 28 to visit her sister, Mrs. Willis Ayers, nee Susan Koehn, and family. She returned home by plane from Kansas City.

Mrs. Fern Foltz, Wichita, had as her house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Grifling of Sulphur, Oklahoma, the weekend of October 29. Evening callers were the Wilbur Ruges, the Roger Falbergs, the Floyd Ellingers, Misses Rae



Raymond Carter, of Tampa, Florida, is shown relaying weather information over Tampa's WFLA-TV on September 10. Hurricane Donna was heading for the West Coast at that time, and deaf residents of the area were able to keep abreast of developments, thanks to Mr. Carter's services.

Field, Willa Field, and Pauline Conwell. The hostess served delicious refreshments and coffee.

The Wichita Frats had their annual Halloween party at the IOOF hall October 23. The highlight of the party was the costume contest for cash prizes. Although the day was ideal, the event did not draw many out-of-towners. Most of the local deaf were there. Another attraction at the party was the cake-decorating contest. After cash prizes were awarded, the cakes were auctioned off.

Five required two-hour courses in Civil Defense for the Wichita deaf were arranged by the Wichita and Sedgwick County Civil Defense agency and the Wichita Social Services for the Deaf. The first session was held in the Civil Defense headquarters September 14. The other sessions were held at the Planeview Fire Station and the Civil Defense Control Center at Municipal Airport. The classes covered operations of government agencies, police and fire protection, rescue work, war and other disease situations, nuclear weapons, and conventional, chemical, and biological weapons. Motion pictures were used for part of the instruction. The average attendance was about 25. At the last session November 2, certificates were awarded to those having attended four out of five sessions. Faye Batson did a fine job as interpreter.

FLORIDA . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Berger Burnsell, of Springfield, Massachusetts, were recent visitors in St. Petersburg. They also visited in Orlando and other cities.

This is rather late, but on October 29 a crowd of about 30 from Lakeland, Haines City, Tampa, and Auburndale enjoyed a Halloween party in the

spacious backyard of the Pat Thibodeaus. It was sponsored by the Polk County Deaf Club. Mrs. Wayne Mart, of Haines City, won first prize for the best costume, and Robert Werdig took second.

The turkey raffle sponsored by the Tampa Club on November 19 drew a record crowd of over 100. Many prizes were given in the raffle, as door prizes, and for costumes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blackford are enjoying retirement in St. Petersburg, to whence they came in 1958. Fred was with Borden's Moore & Ross in Columbus, Ohio, for 37 years before his retirement.

J. D. Cumbie, of Winter Haven, went to Tampa recently to purchase three new chairs for his barber shop. He reported business very good.

Halloween parties at the Tampa Club and the St. Petersburg Club, on October 22 and 29, respectively, were big successes.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards, of Tallahassee, went to Greensboro, North Carolina, the last weekend of October.

The National Association of the Deaf's 1962 convention in Miami has been scheduled for July 1-7.

New officers of the Tampa Club for 1961: Ray H. Carter, president; O. C. Dougherty, vice president; W. H. Woods, secretary; Edgar Fox, treasurer; and Howard Seger, sergeant-at-arms.

The West Coast News has added another column and now prints four columns each month. The venture by W. H. Woods and Ray H. Carter is now in its fourth month of operation.

The Tampa Club has a Christmas party set for December 17. There will be a gift for each person attending, and students of the Florida School are invited.

The Tampa Club sent out 450 Christmas cards this year to all deaf residents of Florida, as well as to many others in nearby states. E. M. Bowman will be in charge of the club's Christmas party.

Roaming the Range

With El Gaucho

By Troy E. Hill

Since our last article in the SW, the numerous Dallasites who worked so long and hard on the recent NAD convention have finally got rested up and back into the groove. Before the books were closed, members of the various committees and their wives and husbands were treated to a swell supper at LouAnn's on Greenville Avenue in Dallas.

A number of the younger set have purchased homes in and around Dallas. Housewarmings have been tendered the Billy Collenses, the Billy Gumms, the Milan Butlers, and the Lewis Stovalls. The Bob Woods also bought a home at Farmer's Branch not long ago.

The annual Frat Carnival the night of the Texas-Oklahoma University football game was well attended. James O. Chance, Jr., of Bryan, enabled several to see the game by coming up with hard-to-get tickets.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dennis, of Atlanta, Georgia, are a couple who bring back fond memories. She is the former Betty Koen, whose grandfather was chairman of the board of the Texas School when we entered in 1911 and who continued in that capacity throughout our years on the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. George LaRue, of Corpus Christi, spent their vacation in and around Dallas. His mother had passed away some time before, and he had been up to Gainesville, his old hometown and ours, to settle the estate. George was Coach El Gaucho's prize basketball player at TSD some 40 years ago.

The Charles Cox family (she is the former Oleta Cobb), of Ferris, Texas, is moving to California, where Charles hopes opportunities will be more abundant.

Since our visit to Detroit and Akron last year, four of our old friends have passed on—Hower, Zitnik, and Haggard, of Akron, and now Clyde Walker, of Detroit. They were intimate friends of ours at Gallaudet and in Akron, and we grieve over their passing.

Our last newsletter was greatly censored to our disgust, so unless those who have the say so change their attitude, this will probably be El Gaucho's last "Roaming the Range." (Editor's note: We hope Troy Hill will continue to contribute news from Texas and that he won't blame us for trying to keep the SW full of news instead of controversy. The part of his last newsletter which did not appear in print, and also part of the current one, dealt with his failure to obtain the floor during the Dallas convention at one of the sessions of the Council of Representatives. Anyone in attendance at the convention was welcome to the floor during one of the meetings of the General Assembly, but under the new NAD by-laws only Representatives are allowed the floor at sessions of the Council although other NAD members are allowed to sit in on the proceedings. The Council sessions provide the opportunity for state representatives to exercise greater control over NAD affairs — which would not be possible if the floor were thrown open to all who might desire it. However, next month, space permitting, we will print in full Mr. Hill's complaint.)

MINNESOTA . . .

Chester Dobson, of the MSD faculty, was to give a talk at Thompson Hall on December 10. The annual Christmas party has been set for Sunday afternoon, December 18.

Dr. David Peikoff, of Toronto, and Mr. James Orman, of Jacksonville, Illinois, were in the Twin Cities on November 5 visiting the Bickerton Winstons.

Births: Another girl, their second, to the Glen Samuelsons on November 11 at Fergus Falls. They also have two boys. The Dick Stifters became parents of their fourth girl on November 26.

Marlene von Hippel and Gordon Bayne, he of Sioux City, Iowa, are engaged. A spring wedding is planned.

Four couples recently celebrated wedding anniversaries. The Chester

Dobsons, Gordon Allens, Marvin Marsha, and Jimmy Joneses got together at Charlie's Exceptionale, one of the Twin Cities' leading restaurants, for a joint celebration.

On November 13 the Iver Olsens were feted with an open house at Thompson Hall in recognition of their 25th wedding anniversary.

New NFSD officers: Ray Perkins, president; Fred Schanbel, vice president; Leo Latz, secretary; Elmer John-

son, treasurer; David Scheer, director; Jerry Johnson, sergeant-at-arms; and Helmer Hagel, trustee.

November 5 visitors at Thompson Hall: Mr. and Mrs. John Lindberg, of Winnipeg, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crowe, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sheehy, of Duluth; and Frank Thompson and son, of Faribault.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Bogen, of Seattle, Washington, were in Minneapolis on November 19.

Woman Talk

By EDNA H. BAYNES

October 21, 1960

Dear Eva:

I missed you at Homecoming. Hope you can make it next time.

Homecoming! I'll try to define it. I would say that it is a weekend when old grads return to their alma mater to watch a football game, visit old dormitory rooms and classrooms, and inspect each other's bald spots, hair color, wrinkles, and cars.

The weekend of October 7-9 at the Alabama School was marked by big bear hugs, slapping of old backs, knuckle-bruising handshakes, and the frequent exchange of such hearty greetings as: "Tom, you old polecat!" "Dick, you old rooster," and "Mary, you old nincompoop!" Pity the poor faculty members who have taught here a long time. They were frequently challenged with "Remember me?" Unless old grad Tom, Dick, or Harry had used teacher's pot of ferns to get rid of his quid of tobacco or had made straight A's or equally straight F's, teacher had to admit her memory wasn't what it used to be and, although the face was familiar, she couldn't remember the name.

Teachers are much livelier during Homecoming and comport themselves with unaccustomed animation. They laugh and smile and hug and admire in the hope that old grads will say, "Why, teacher, you don't look a day older than you did the day you whacked me one for tearing up my geography book," and if he does say it, teacher remembers how old she felt that day.

By game time Saturday night, backs are sore, arms are stiff, eyeballs ache from lack of sleep, and nerves are frayed. At the game old players snort, "Humph! Do you call that football? Why, back in my day, they'd have had the ball across on first down. Football was football in those days—not this namby-pamby girls' game they call football today! Take a look at all those substitutes warming the bench now. In my day there were, with luck, eleven men on the team, and that was it. When a player broke a leg, they taped him up and sent him back in. Remember the game against Overall Junction when we thought our quarterback was dead, but back he went to score in the last four seconds to wrap up the

game! Yep, back in my day, they played real football, by George!"

After the game, old grads, young grads, and those who didn't quite graduate, packed the old gym and drank punch, claimed prizes, and joined the NAD.

I, feeling insecure, mounted the wobbly platform which had been hastily constructed for the Homecoming Queen, and in my Sunday signs, convinced the crowd that the NAD belongs entirely to them.

Tarpley Prickett, old grad from Verbena, Alabama, made things lively by plunking down a ten-dollar bill and saying, "I'm a carpenter. Let's see some printers match that." Jack Jones of Clanton, right on the heels of Tarpley, plunked down another ten from another carpenter and added, "and that!" In no time at all I had no registration blanks left.

Then, somehow, I found myself unwittingly drawn into an argument with a pesky peddler. He tried to tell me that the NAD had put the idea of peddling into his head by harping on the lucrative "take." Afterwards Mr. Baynes wanted to know why I hadn't promptly requested a large donation to the NAD in return for the help he claimed it had given him. It's just sad that I do not work on all my cylinders while I'm seeing red. The old grads may be right about things being better back in their day. They didn't have to contend with so many peddlers.

Do plan to attend the next Homecoming. It will be a happy occasion, and the sun will shine and the air will ring with glad cries, squeals of delight, and back slaps. Also, there'll be many well filled membership blanks for the NAD.

"Come on, Team"—

This is the answer when the chips are down.

Part of their younger souls in younger years,

When it was one for all, and all for one,

Lifting them high above all doubts and fears

Until the game was over and the fight was won.—(Grantland Rice)

Be seeing you,
Edna H. Baynes

The Foreign Deaf

By PAUL LANGE

The paper of Wilhelmshafen recently mentioned the fact that an instructor of technicians preparing for work in factories had announced that Enno Schroeder, a private deaf pupil of his, had been given a position in a local factory and was doing fine work.

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In February, dancing lessons for the deaf will be given in the Province of North Rhine-Westphalia, when they will be offered in dancing schools throughout the province. The success of this venture will depend upon how the countries respond. A hearty response of the people of Westphalia is expected.

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The public school systems of Berlin and Dortmund, West Germany, have had high schools for the deaf for a number of years. Last year Dr. Maesse, superintendent of the Hamburg schools, announced the opening of a high school for the deaf. He recently announced its success and continuation of the school, stating that the board of education will be glad to assist parents of deaf applicants living outside of the city to find boarding places for them.

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It was the pleasure of the writer to meet Miss Keller and her first teacher, Miss Sullivan, when she was a girl of 13 at a convention of teachers for the deaf at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893, where she had been brought by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. She then had a wonderful command of German. She had until then been taught by means of fingerspelling and Braille and received seven years of instruction. She conversed by means of fingerspelling, placing her hand on yours and following the movements of your fingers on the palm of her own hand. When I was introduced to her by Dr. Bell, she told me to spell as rapidly as I could since she could read my fingerspelling as fast as I could spell. At first, when I wished to emphasize something I would lapse into slow spelling and she grew very impatient with me and slapped my hand saying I should spell faster. A few hard slaps cured me.

I was eager to see what progress she was making in German so I asked her if I could speak to her in German. She said she would love it, and I was indeed surprised at her wonderful command of the language and her familiarity with its literature.

Some years ago a German deaf-blind man wrote a letter to the German paper for the deaf congratulating her on her birthday and sent it to the German paper for the deaf, which published it. I translated it into English and sent it to her. It had not yet gotten to her notice, and she thanked me and asked me to thank him very kindly.

ken's korner

By Dr. Marcus L. Kenner

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own."



A Counseling Center for the Deaf, the first of its kind in this country, is currently being established on the campus of Gallaudet College. Says President Leonard M. Elstad: "One great difficulty in counseling deaf people is the inability of psychologists and psychiatrists to communicate with them. For that reason counseling services available to hearing people have long been denied those who are deaf, except in rare instances. To overcome the communication barrier the college has appointed a professionally competent staff which is currently being trained to communicate with, to understand, and to serve the deaf." Good.

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A young poet received this memo from a publisher: "Your poem is both good and original; but the part that is good is not original, and the part that is original is not good."

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Francisco Goya, last of the old and first of the modern masters, was stone deaf. Author Malcolm Vaughan is authority for the statement that people, even the prime minister and queen of Spain, were sufficiently interested in him to learn the manual alphabet.

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The Multiple-Handicapped Deaf—More of our educators are turning their attention to the needs of the unfortunate children who are either mentally disturbed or retarded. A special conference, attended by Dr. Anthony J. Pelone, Chief of the New York State Bureau for Handicapped Children, among others, was recently held at the residence of Dr. Edna S. Levine, psychologist. This resulted in the appointment of a committee under chairman Max Friedman of the Empire State Association of the Deaf which will collect all available data on the subject and report to the state authorities with a view to securing definite action. Other state associations are urged to do likewise. Nothing is gained by delay.

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Sir Winston Churchill, who is said to turn off his hearing aid during speeches in the House of Commons so that he can doze or contemplate other matters, had it

on full power while two other members were discussing him behind his back. "The old man seems to be getting a bit past it, these days," said one. Sir Winston turned, cast an icy eye on the talkers, and rumbled, "Yes, they say he's getting a bit hard of hearing."

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Mose, charged with theft, was on the witness stand, and the judge sought to discover if he knew the value of an oath. "Mose, if you tell a lie under oath, do you know what happens?" Mose said: "Yes-suh, Judge, I goes to hell." "And if you tell the truth?" persisted the judge. "I goes to jail," said Mose. * * * But, then, there's the mother who asked her Johnny, "Do you know what happens to little boys who tell lies?" Answered Johnny, "Yes, Mother, they travel for half fare."

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From my Scrap Book: Long and searchingly he gazed into her eyes, those so-called windows of the soul which held for him nothing but mystery. Would he never know the truth—he must, that's all. His honor depended upon it; it was now or never. If he let her go now, she would never come back. Seizing her face firmly between his long tender hands, he commanded her to look at him in a voice more stern than he had ever believed himself capable of. She whimpered. Instantly repenting, he asked her pardon. "You should not fear me," he whispered. For some minutes he held her thus, and then relaxing he shook his head as he walked slowly away. At the other side of the room he turned, on his face a smile and a note of triumph in his voice. "Madame, it is just as I thought; you have astigmatism," he said.

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"It is not good that the man should be alone." Following this age-old admonition, I am glad to make announcement of my marriage to Mrs. Yvonne Pescia on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1960.

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Friends—the verse in this Korner isn't all that it brings; it's laden with friendship and other good things. It carries a handshake, kind thoughts and good cheer, and all the good wishes saved up for a full year! **Here's to you!**

Stalling Along

By STAHL BUTLER

At the request of Gallaudet College, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation will sponsor a three-day workshop on taking advantage of available rehabilitation facilities on April 24-26. Apparently, I am to have a responsibility in connection with finance.

I am sure that this is the only time my name will ever be associated with money. My finances remind me of the man who said his wife was the local distributing agent for the Department of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C.

I was glad to learn that the steering committee sent my guest editorial, originally printed in the Kansas Star, to the fifty or more people invited. My title was "Behold, Do Men Light a Candle and Put It Under a Bushel?" I note that the editorial is being reprinted under "Strip Old Self-Reliance and Take Public Charity." I know my title is very long, and I realize the problems that printers have with long titles. But, I want to state that I certainly don't want to strip deaf people of their self-reliance, and I don't like the word "charity" as deaf people seem to use it. In my opinion there is very little "charity" now in the sense of almsgiving. The sub-title "Challenge of Change" helps a lot.

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I had known Theodore J. Haskell, 2019 Sterling, Lansing, Michigan, for a long time before I learned that his grandfather was the Reverend Philip J. Hasenstab of Chicago, who spent his lifetime on trains going from deaf congregation to deaf congregation, all in the Middle West. His place with the Methodist Church has been taken by his daughter Constance Elmes. I understand that another daughter, a Mrs. Haskell, is remembered as a faithful interpreter and friend by our Detroit deaf people.

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A two-column picture and story appeared in one of Michigan's northern newspapers announcing a worship service by two sisters, Elvira and Signe Larson, one deaf and one hearing. According to the story Signe Larson attended McCowen School for the Deaf in Chicago and Bethany College, where she studied art. Apparently she provides a religious service with "pastel pictures . . . enhanced by a system of slowly changing colored lighting. Effects are produced by use of luminous crayons and blacklight."

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The deaf can telephone now. Attachments to the modern telephone were invented by Robert Oakes Jordan for the assistant director of the Hadley School for the Blind, Richard Kinney, who is both deaf and blind. The telephone number is dialed in the usual way. The deaf person is called to the telephone by the turning on of electric fans. The receiver of the call places a finger on a special diaphragm that is

built into the instrument. The person originating the call uses the Morse Code, dialing "4" for a dash and a "1" for a dot and the deaf man feels the dots and dashes. Mr. Jordan has

turned over all his rights to the Tactaphone to the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, and it is believed that this equipment is being used by several deaf people in Illinois.



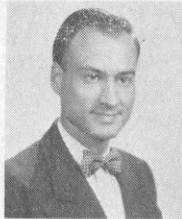
QUESTION OF THE MONTH



Conducted by MARJORIEBELLE HOLCOMB

How and when did you find out that there was no Santa Claus?

As near as I can recollect, it was around Christmas time of the first year I attended public school, about a year before I became deaf, that I was introduced to the horrible notion that there was no Santa Claus. I picked up the shocking and unbelievable information from the older children.



Rudolph Hines
Hyattsville, Maryland

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Once upon a time I believed in the jolly old gentleman in the red suit with all my heart. Our first meeting was a fearsome but wonderful one. He called me by name and brought lovely, shiny presents to me. The next time I saw him, he had on a mask, and he didn't remember my name. But he did remember where I lived. After that I met him on a street corner. He was thin, shivering, and collecting money for his black pot. And I saw him in the funny papers. I couldn't read, then. So, when someone said there was no Santa Claus, I just knew it and I cried myself to sleep.



Dorothy Hays King
Austin, Texas

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Years ago when I was nine years old, I discovered there was nothing to the legend of Santa Claus. When it was too cold to play outside, my sister and brother and I played hide-and-seek inside. During my turn to hide, I went under the bed. There I discovered a box with the exact things I wanted for Christmas. We continued to play inside, but "Santa Claus" went out the door.



Mildred Wait
Colorado Springs, Colorado

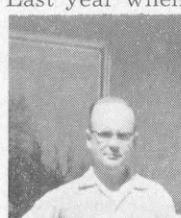
My sister was always telling me Santa Claus did not really exist. But I wanted to believe that he did. My illusion was completely shattered one Christmas Eve when Maxine woke me up and told me to look down the floor register into the living room. I saw Dad and Mother putting the gifts under the tree. Then I knew for sure Who says there isn't a Santa Claus? old I was then.



Agnes Scarvie
Council Bluffs, Iowa

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Who says there isn't a Santa Claus? Last year when Mama kept asking me what I wanted Santa to bring me, I would always reply, "Oh, I'll settle for a Thunderbird!" Bright and early Christmas morning the kids couldn't wait for me to get up and discover what Santa had brought me—but woke me up and handed it to me in bed! What was it? You've guessed it, a Thunderbird! So, whenever you say there isn't a Santa Claus, you can't prove it by me!



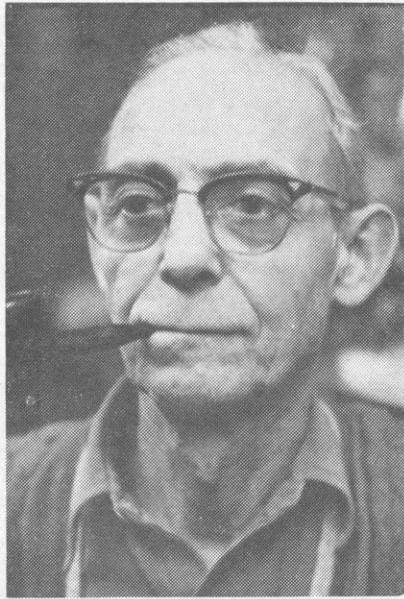
Calton James
Eldridge, California

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I am one of those incurable optimists who still believes in Old Saint Nick. Every Christmas Eve I hang up my stocking with the children and mount a vigil by the chimney. I have never found my stocking empty, but, having never caught Santa coming down the chimney, I can only assume he comes in through our hearts. Now, all together folks, with apologies to Pogo:

"Deck the halls with Boston Charlie,
Walla Walla, Wash., and hullabaloo
etc."

Fred Yates
Staunton, Virginia



LeRoy Mockler

Ohio Printer Remains Active

LeRoy Mockler, 68, was born in 1892 in Archbold, Ohio. He lived with his parents until he was nine years old, when he went to Columbus in 1902 and attended the school for the deaf.

While at the school, LeRoy learned how to operate a linotype at the age of 12. Mr. Charles was his instructor at that time.

In 1913, LeRoy started his first job as a linotype operator for \$9.00 a week with the Wauseon Expositor, Wauseon, Ohio.

After one year with the Wauseon Expositor, LeRoy moved to Bryan, Ohio, and started working on the Bryan Press. He worked there for 35 years.

In 1942, LeRoy moved to Archbold, Ohio, where he worked for several woodworking firms until 1957 when he retired. Since then he has been working part time at the Archbold Buckeye as a linotype operator, and he still sets a clean proof. In addition LeRoy sets type about one day a week for the Stryker Advance, Stryker, Ohio.

A close friend of LeRoy's for many years is Mr. Norbert Pilliod, Swanton, Ohio, who also is retired. When LeRoy and Norbert get together, sign language goes like lightning. These two classmates have many good times together. LeRoy eagerly looks forward to every visit from Norbert who often drives to Archbold, picks up LeRoy, and returns to Toledo to spend an evening at the Toledo Silent Club.

LeRoy Mockler spent several months this past year in Colorado with his brother Floyd Mockler. LeRoy has taken several trips west in recent years as his sister Mrs. Nola Griswold lives in Phoenix, Arizona, as does his mother.

Orrin R. Taylor of the Archbold Buckeye and past president of the National Editorial Association and LeRoy have been friends from early childhood days. The Mocklers and Taylors were neighbors in Archbold. As boys they spent many hours at the train station, saw mill, stave mill, the ole-

fishing pond, and at other spots.

During slack times when there is no type to be set, LeRoy keeps himself busy about the Buckeye office, sweeping and cleaning up. At other times he is busy making tables and paper stock

skids. He always puts casters on anything he makes because he is a firm believer in efficiency. He is always thinking of ways to save time, therefore increasing production. All of this he does on his own time.

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Captioned Films for the Deaf

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In the October issue of the SW there was an item about Robert D. Churchill helping with the Captioned Films program in Dallas. It is the Western Heights Church of Christ, however, which shows the films, not a Baptist group.

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Twenty-nine prints of captioned films were placed in circulation during the month of November. These are titles which have already been announced in circulars sent to registered users. Among these are three pictures that were substituted when it was found that no scripts were available for: "Elizabeth the Queen," "Adventures of Robin Hood," and "Santa Fe Trail." The substitute titles are "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex," "Dr. Erlich's Magic Bullet" and "Charge of the Light Brigade." All are worthwhile, entertaining pictures and should win wide audience acceptance.

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How many people are now seeing captioned films? No accurate count has been made over a fixed period of time, but a survey of 50 report blanks received in the film office between October 10 and November 27 shows a total of 6075 viewers or approximately 870 per week. Of the 50 showings checked, schools predominated with 30 bookings. Adult clubs and organizations had nine showings, religious and church groups had ten, and one went to a state hospital. The figures would have been considerably higher had it not been that some 30 shows were cancelled during this time because of late deliveries from the laboratories.

As more films with adult appeal become available, it is expected that there will be substantial growth in the use of movies by state and local groups of the adult deaf. Schools, being accustomed to frequent use of films and with a ready-made audience present at all times, are naturally in a better position for frequent showings. But the great bulk of the population is adult. There is real need to reach more of these people and more frequently through films.

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One of the questions that comes up is: "What is adult?" Apparently Hollywood's frequent answer is: "Adult equals adultery," or some form of sex, crime, or horror. Recent reports in movie magazines indicate that the Legion of Decency, Catholic rating organization, finds 24.33 per cent of

this year's films to be "objectionable." The figure in 1959 was 14.59 per cent. If these percentages are correct and if the increase of objectionable films continues, the problem of selecting movies suitable for titling may, at some future time, become difficult. At present, drawing upon the productions of past years, the problem of selection is that of a man at a banquet table with a thimble for a plate and half a toothpick for a fork. In short, the rash of "stinkers" flickering across the screens of Main Street movie houses is no great concern for the Captioned Films program.

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The time may come when 8 mm film will largely replace the present 16 mm versions. Reasons: (1) 8 mm film has improved so much in quality that the narrow-gauge film now gives almost as good a picture as wider film. (2) It's vastly cheaper. Savings include original cost, shipping, and projector costs. Captioning would be cheaper, too. If and when this change comes about, one predicted result is large expansion of home movie showings.

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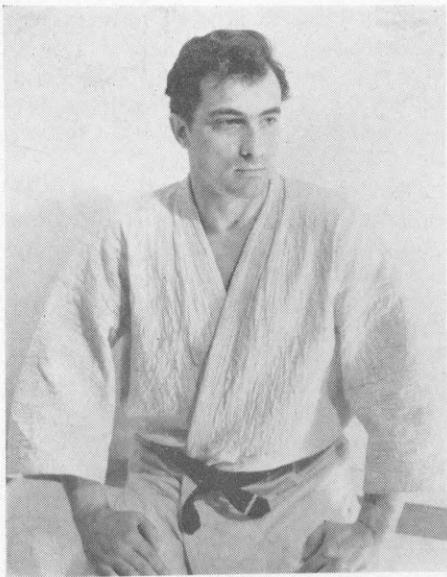
"Allegheny Uprising" which has been making the TV rounds during the past few months is due to hit the captioned films circuit before long. In fact it is overdue. Stanley Benowitz, formerly of the Gallaudet faculty and now of Nebraska, wrote the captions months ago. Again it is the story of the laboratory dragging its feet. A January release is hoped for.

The story is a fictional piece about Indian wars and troubles with the British in Pennsylvania before the American Revolution. In addition to a good story sparked by plenty of action the picture gives some sidelights on why the colonists finally put the boot to their English cousins, via the Revolutionary War. John Wayne, big, handsome and tough, plays opposite blonde Claire Trevor, who is little, pretty, and equally tough. At least she's tough when it comes to getting her man. The "heavy" part, a nasty British commander, is played by George Sanders. You will hate him lustily for his excellent performance.

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Left: Eduardo Dominguez Nimo, a deaf jiu jitsu expert and a member of a judo club in Buenos Aires, Argentina, has on a number of occasions won the jiu jitsu championship of Argentina. For his class Eduardo holds the No. 1 rank or the 1st Dan as it is called by this particular group. He lost in the trials to enter the selective tournament in Mexico City on September 30 of this year. He hopes to qualify for the next world's championship to take place at Chicago and later in Japan. Eduardo is a likeable chap, witty and fun. He has a good job in a dental laboratory that makes partial or complete dentures. He is married and has two attractive children. His wife, Marta, is an attractive and vivacious Argentine. She is sewing instructor in the girls' school for the deaf in Buenos Aires. Right: Asociacion de Surdomudos basketball team of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Eduardo Dominguez Nimo, coach. Basketball is as popular in the far-south countries as it is in the United States. Deaf basketball teams from Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, and Chile recently participated in a basketball tournament held at Cordoba, Argentina. This tournament was managed by Mr. Esteban Ferrer, a deaf man residing in Buenos Aires. These pictures were supplied by Casper B. Jacobson, who toured South America last summer.

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William J. Wiggers is shown at his final stint as a linotype operator for the Evansville (Ind.) Courier. His 40 years of continuous service with that paper may be some sort of record. Mr. Wiggers has long been active in the affairs of the Indiana Association of the Deaf and was one of its representatives at the Dallas convention of the National Association of the Deaf last summer.

Hoosier Leader Retires

As the operator punched the final letter key and then pressed the button so Mr. Mergenthaler's creation ground to a stop, he slowly spelled out the word "thirty" with his fingers. In the printers' lingo this means "the end."

Thus William J. Wiggers started his retirement after nearly forty years as a linotype operator with the Evansville Courier of Evansville, Indiana. There are probably many deaf people who have been printers for more than forty years, but few who have remained with the same paper that long.

Mr. Wiggers learned the printing trade at the Indiana School for the Deaf, from which he graduated in 1915.

After graduating, he returned home to the family farm in Vandenberg County, Indiana, where he remained and worked for a year. Then he went to Hammond, where he worked for a while with a book publishing firm. Later he was a timekeeper for a steel mill during World War I.

He started working on newspapers after the war when he obtained a job as linotype operator for the former Columbus (Ind.) Ledger. Six months later, in October, 1920, he came to the Evansville Courier and had been with the same paper until his retirement on June 1, 1960. He is a member of Local 34, International Typographical Union, having joined in Columbus.

Ever since leaving school Mr. Wiggers has been prominent in the affairs

of the deaf of Indiana. He is a twenty-five year officer of the Indiana Association of the Deaf, having served as the organization's president for twelve years. This is longer than anyone else has ever served in the top office of the IAD.

He has also been active in the affairs of the Archibald Memorial Home, which is the Indiana Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf, for many years. He was a leading member of the Board of Directors of the Home Association for many years. He was instrumental in gaining admittance to the Home for a number of people who, otherwise, would have become wards of their county welfare boards.

Mr. Wiggers has long been active in the NFSD. He attended several Frat conventions as the delegate from the Evansville Division before that group was disbanded several years ago. Since then he has been a member of the Indianapolis Division.

He organized the Evansville Society of the Deaf some thirty-eight years ago and now serves as treasurer of that group.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wiggers are tireless workers for the N.A.D., and both are Dollar-a-Month Club members of the Association. They have attended a number of conventions of the N.A.D., the last one being the Dallas convention last July. At this meeting Mr. Wiggers was one of the delegates representing Indiana. They were also among the group that took the N.A.D.

tour of Mexico after the convention.

Mrs. Wiggers is the former Miss Frieda Langebrake of Evansville. They have one son, Wilfred W. Wiggers, of Evansville, who is supervisor of cost accounting for the Whirlpool Corporation.

The future plans of Mr. and Mrs. Wiggers are more or less indefinite. They recently sold their Evansville home and are planning to go to Florida for several months' stay. If they like it down there, they may buy a home and move to Florida to become permanent residents of the Sunshine State. If they do, it is a safe bet that Bill will again indulge in his hobby of raising prize tomatoes and other vegetables. In the past he has often had fine examples of his horticultural art on display at the various picnics and other deaf gatherings over the state.

Wherever he is and whatever he does, you can be sure Bill Wiggers will take a leading part in advancing the cause of the deaf.—Lebert E. Jones.

Answers to True or False

(See page 13)

1. True. The president can neither reverse the action of a presiding officer nor can the latter reverse the ruling of the president. Only the assembly can reverse the ruling of either one.

2. — It depends on what the by-laws specify. Usually the board is limited to **elected** officers; However, in some organizations, the standing committee chairmen, even though appointed to their office, are the members of the board.

3. False. Remember, the executive board, like a child of the organization, is under its control. However, it does require a two-thirds vote to demand the reading of the minutes.

4. False. A budget is just a **tentative** allocation of funds based upon the needs of an organization. But it must be borne in mind that money cannot be spent until **proper authorization** is granted.

5. False. The report is signed by the members of the committee who favor it. A member of the committee who is not satisfied with the report may make out a minority report to be submitted to the assembly. It is up to the assembly to act as they may see fit.

6. False.

7. False.

8. True. It applies to the board as well.

9. True.

10. False. The law committee chairman submits the law committee report; the president or second vice president puts the questions to vote, announces the results, and also answers points of order that may arise.

National Association of the Deaf

Home Office Notes

By Dr. Byron B. Burnes

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The problem of the aged and the aging is with us again, since it is a problem for everyone in general. As has been mentioned in these Notes before, the U. S. Government has been turning its attention to this problem, and people and agencies everywhere are interested.

There will be a White House Conference on the Aged and Aging in January, and it may be possible for the NAD to send a representative to present the cause of the deaf. Here at the Home Office we are attempting a study of the problems of the aged and aging deaf, with a view to preparing some material to submit to the White House Conference. We have solicited opinions as to the needs of the aged and aging deaf. For the aged deaf, there seems to be a widespread feeling that their greatest need is a home. It might be well at this time to investigate the possibility of securing federal or state support for a home for aged deaf—either a national home or state or regional homes.

A home, or homes such as are already maintained by certain state associations of the deaf, perhaps would solve the most pressing problems of the aged deaf, but what about the aging deaf? What special provisions do we need for the aging deaf, other than those which will be made available to aged persons in general? Perhaps the same provisions that are made for everyone else would suffice for the aging deaf, and our chief concern would be in seeing that they are equally available to the deaf.

Readers with opinions on the needs of the aged and aging deaf are invited to send their opinions to the Home Office. They probably will not be received in time to use at the White House Conference, but they can be used, and they will be appreciated.

At the Dallas convention the NAD adopted a resolution encouraging all schools for the deaf "to institute or continue courses in auto driving." We were preparing to set up a committee to gather current information on such courses in our schools when it came to our attention that the California Association of the Deaf has activated a similar committee under the direction of Toivo Lindholm. To avoid duplication of efforts, and to save school superintendents the trouble of answering two similar questionnaires, we have asked Mr. Lindholm to head the NAD committee, with approval from CAD President Schreiber, so this will be a joint NAD-CAD effort.

About a year ago THE SILENT WORKER reported that Miss Joanne Kovach had been appointed to a teaching position

in a day class in the San Francisco public school system, the only deaf teacher in charge of such a class of deaf pupils. Miss Kovach's appointment was for one year, but her work was so successful she has been given a permanent appointment. The California Association of the Deaf adopted a resolution commending the action of the San Francisco School Board in appointing a deaf teacher, and the NAD wrote letters expressing its approval and appreciation. It appears now that the NAD may be of some help in inducing school authorities elsewhere to consider deaf teachers for day classes. We hope soon to have some interesting information.

The Kentucky Association of the Deaf has sent the NAD a check for \$262.00 to apply on its quota. Thanks to the KAD and the Kentucky deaf. Col. George Gordon Kannapell, whom almost all Nadders know as one of our most gifted entertainers and fundraisers a few years ago, is president of the KAD.

Some of the most interesting publications received at the Home Office are little papers published by state associations of the deaf and even smaller organizations. Some of those received recently are: *The CAD Newsletter* from Colorado, *The Empire State News* from New York, *The W.A.D. Pilot* from Wisconsin, *The PSAD Bulletin* from the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf, *The PSAD News* from Pennsylvania, *The Sign Post* from the Detroit Association of the Deaf, *The Silent Hoosier* from Indiana, and *The UAD Bulletin* from Utah. The Home Office appreciates these little papers, and all state associations which have official publications are requested to send us their papers regularly. They help keep us informed, and they give us important ideas.

Editor Jess Smith must have quite a collection of new names suggested for THE SILENT WORKER. A number of readers have sent their suggestions to the Home Office, and they have been sent on to Jess. We appreciate the interest shown by all these readers, but, to save us a little time and postage, may we request that all readers with names to suggest send them directly to Editor Smith, whose address is at the Editorial Office 2818 Peachtree Street, S. E., Knoxville 20, Tennessee.

Deaf drivers again! A judge in Denver writes that a group of Denver deaf have requested a course in driver training, and he says the program probably will attract deaf drivers from the entire area. He requested information on

deaf drivers, which we have supplied. Incidentally, the judge says the deaf in that area generally enjoy very fine driving records.

This is the first time we have heard of a course for deaf drivers, except in schools for the deaf. It isn't clear at this time whether the deaf actually desire a course in driving—which would be good for anyone—or whether the authorities believe the deaf need some kind of special training. Perhaps some of our readers in Denver can supply some information.

From New York comes a letter asking in which states a deaf person is not permitted to drive an automobile. Our answer to that, of course, is that no state denies the deaf the privilege to drive.

Letters asking for information on the deaf recently have been coming from Pennsylvania. The past month our Mrs. Amann has been kept busy answering such requests from students, welfare workers, and professors in Pennsylvania. How it happens that so many people in Pennsylvania have so suddenly become aware of the NAD, we do not know, but we do know that a lot of people in that state surely have learned something about the deaf. In the mail on our desk as we write this are nine letters from different places in Pennsylvania.

Also in our office mail is a request for information from Andrew Foster of the Ghana Mission School for the Deaf, Ghana, West Africa.

Leadership Workshop Scheduled for April

A workshop on leadership and community participation among the deaf will be sponsored by Gallaudet College, April 24-26, 1961. The purpose of the workshop is (1) to create among a representative group of leaders of organizations of deaf people an awareness of the need, resources, and rewards for aggressive voluntary public service and (2) to encourage these leaders to plan ways and means of promoting such activity in existing organizations of the deaf.

Fifty persons have been invited to participate. They include representatives of national organizations of the deaf, leaders of local and state organizations, and six leaders with normal hearing who are in charge of national and local community and social service organizations.

The workshop is being supported under a grant from the U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Advance planning is in the hands of Alan B. Crammatte, coordinator of the workshop and chairman of the Department of Business Administration of Gallaudet College.

Working with Mr. Crammatte is a steering committee of six. They are: Mrs. Loel Schreiber of Los Angeles, California; Douglas Burke of Washington, D. C.; Jerald M. Jordan of Garrett Park, Maryland; the Rev. William M. Lange, Jr., of Syracuse, New York; Hilbert C. Duning of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Robert W. Horgen of Madison, Wisconsin.

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